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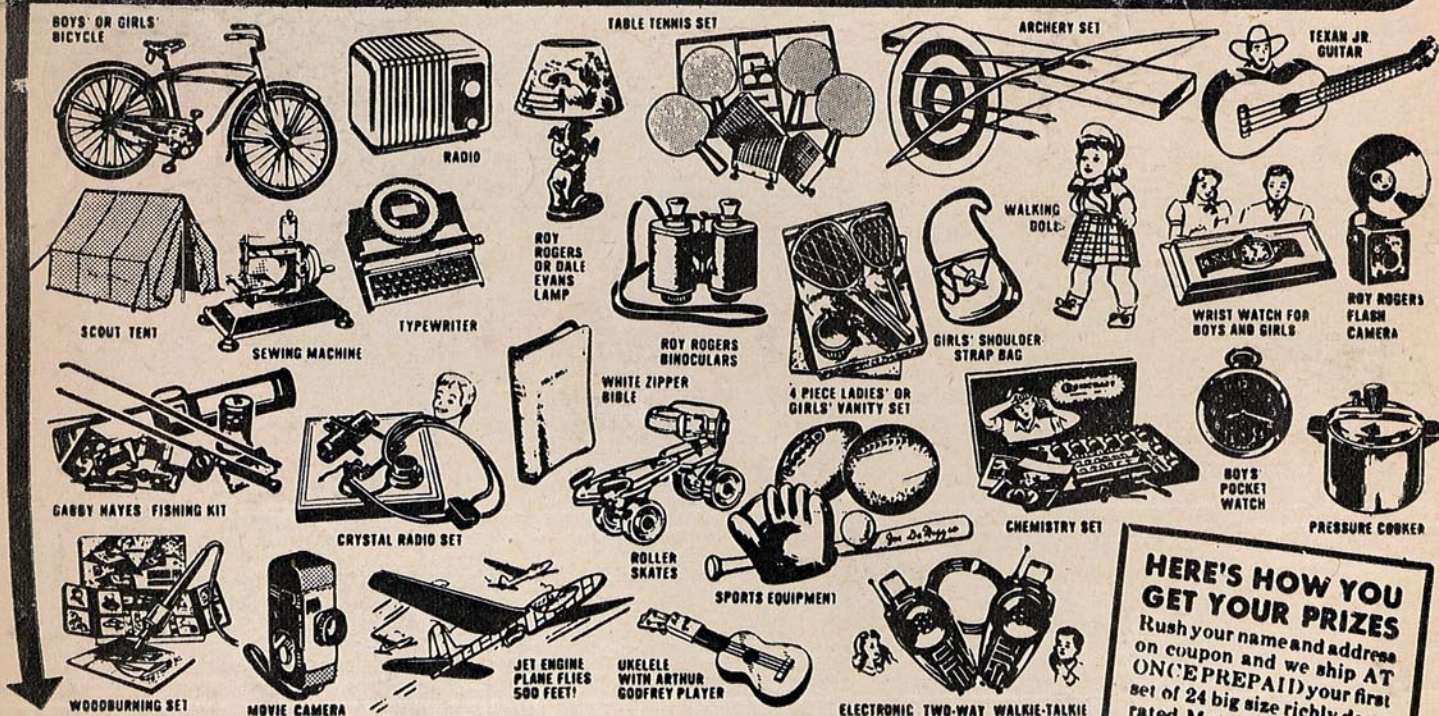
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Robin Hood

AND THE FRENCH CAMPAIGN

TO THE OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST, THE TRIP TO THE SEA WAS A PLEASURE JAUNT ... FISHING AND SWIMMING AND FEASTS AROUND THE DRIFT-WOOD FIRES AT NIGHT. THEY NEVER DREAMED OF FIGHTING ARMIES ON FOREIGN SOIL!

DROP HIM, LITTLE JOHN! THESE FRENCHMEN ARE NOT PLAYING - - -

NON! PLEASE, MONSIEUR! EEF YOU DROP ME - - -

THE SHELTERED COVER WHERE THE OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST WENT TO FISH AND SWIM WAS A DESERTED PLACE! SOME OF THE OUTLAWS GATHERED WOOD, WHILE OTHERS SOUGHT FISH FOR THEIR DINNER...

ARE YE DAFT, ROBIN? WHO EVER HEARD OF FISHING WITH ARROWS?

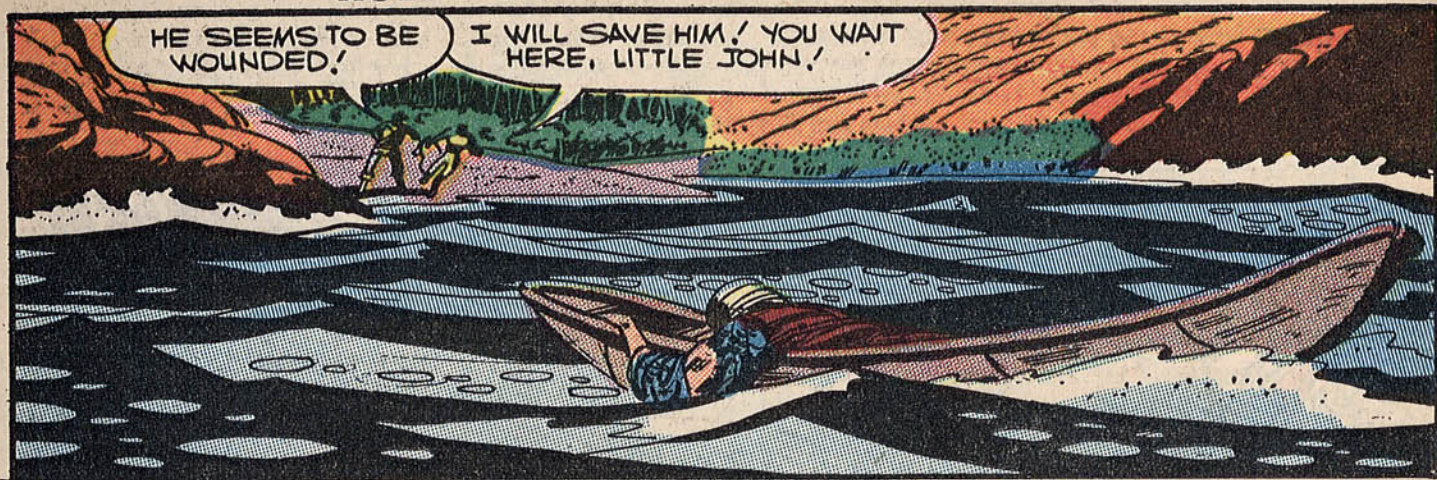
WAIT AND SEE, LITTLE JOHN! AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A FISH!

SEE, LITTLE JOHN? I GOT ONE OF... HO! WHAT'S OUT THERE?

A SMALL BOAT WITH A MAN! HE WILL DROWN ON THE ROCKS IF HE DOESN'T USE HIS OARS!

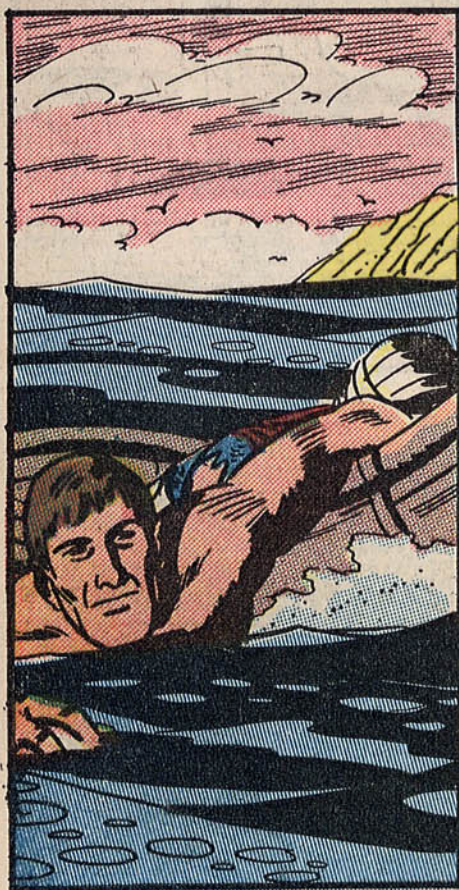


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HE SEEMS TO BE WOUNDED!

I WILL SAVE HIM! YOU WAIT HERE, LITTLE JOHN!



ROBIN MANAGED TO MANEUVER THE SMALL BOAT INTO SHALLOW WATER...

HE'S A LOAD WITH HIS ARMOR! HOW CAME HE HERE?

PERHAPS HE'S A DESERTER FROM LORD RUNKEL'S ARMY IN FRANCE!



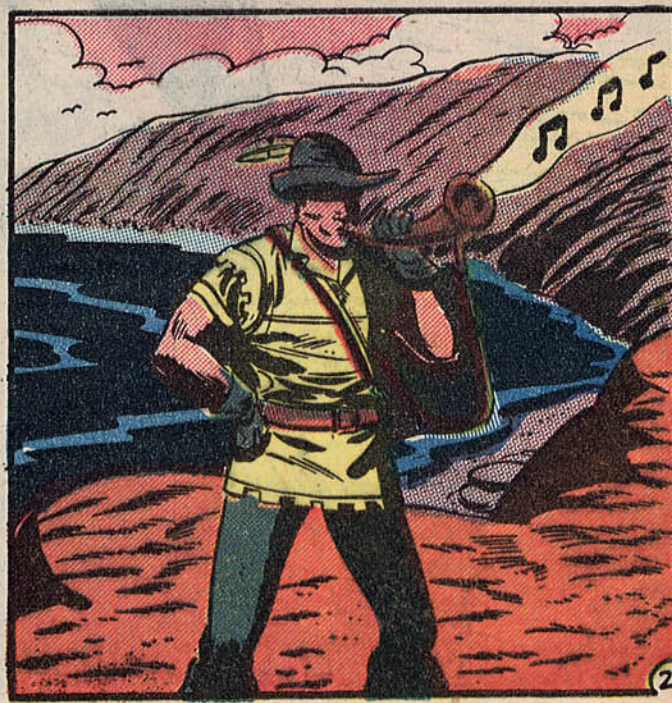
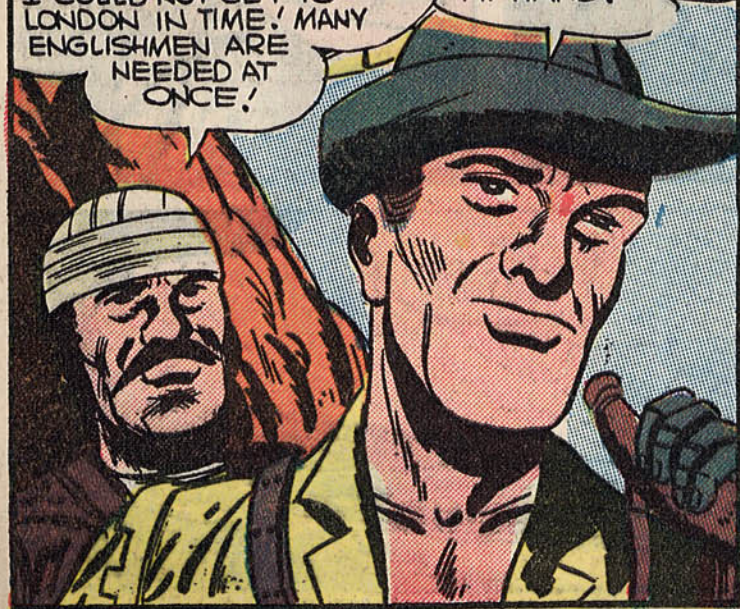
EASY, MAN! WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

MY LORD RUNKEL--SURROUNDED IN BEAUVILLE! THE FRENCH WILL WIPE THEM OUT IF I DON'T GET HELP!



IT IS HOPELESS, I KNOW! EVEN IF I WERE STRONG, I COULD NOT GET TO LONDON IN TIME! MANY ENGLISHMEN ARE NEEDED AT ONCE!

YOU HAVE FOUND THEM! THEY ARE AT HAND!



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THE FAMILIAR HORN SOUNDED ONCE AND ...

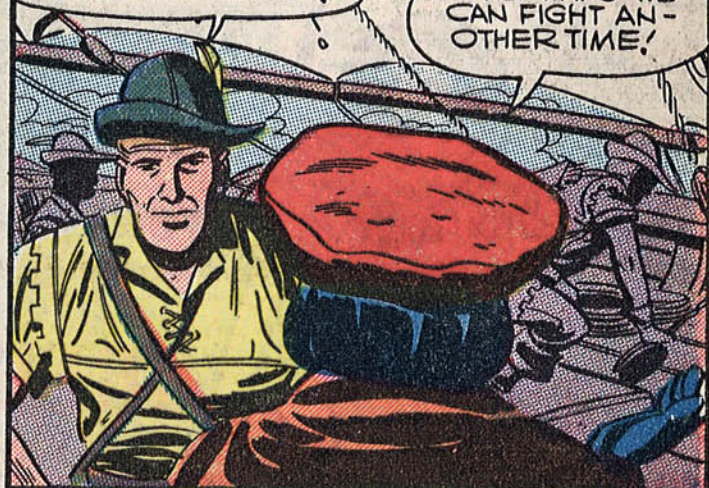
THERE ARE YOUR ENGLISHMEN!
NOW WHERE IS THIS BEAUVILLE
WHERE THE FIGHTING IS?



ROBIN HAD THE GUIDE, HE HAD THE MEN --
NOW HE NEEDED A SHIP...

I NEED THIS VESSEL, CAPTAIN,
TO CARRY MY MEN TO FIGHT
FOR OUR KING! MUST I
FIGHT YOU FOR IT?

NAY, ROBIN
HOOD! WE
WILL TAKE
YOU THERE!
PERHAPS WE
CAN FIGHT AN-
OTHER TIME!



IT WAS A SHORT TRIP TO THE
FRENCH COAST -- BUT IT WAS
ENOUGH TO DO WHAT THE
KING'S SOLDIERS HAD NEVER
DONE ...

WHY DON'T
THE FRENCH
KILL ME NOW?
I AM DYING
ANYWAY!

YOU'RE A
LITTLE SEA-
SICK, MASTER
OUTLAW! YOU
WILL FEEL
BETTER WHEN
YOU'RE ASHORE!



I KNOW NONE OF YOU
BEAR ANY LOVE FOR LORD
RUNKEL -- BUT WE FIGHT
FOR ENGLAND, NOT
THAT SOURPUSS!
LET'S GO!



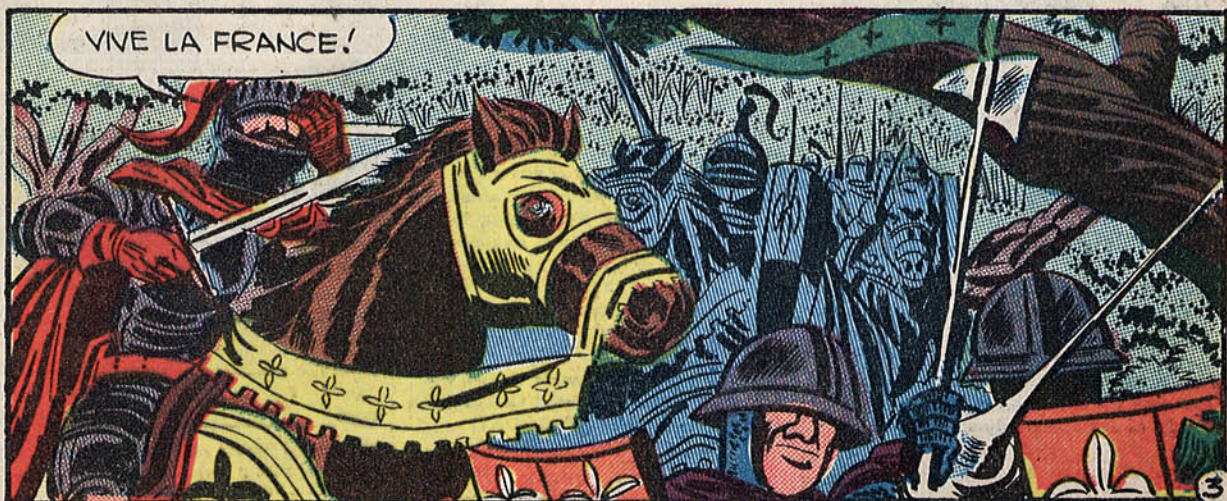
HO, ROBIN! A
COLUMN OF
ARMORED
FRENCHIES
RIDE THIS
WAY!

GOOD! IT WILL
WARM US UP
FOR THE FIGHT-
ING IN BEAUVILLE!
HALF OF YOU MEN
DISAPPEAR -- YOU
KNOW HOW!



THE
FRENCH
COLONEL
SIGNALLED
THE
CHARGE!
AFTER
ALL,
HE
HAD
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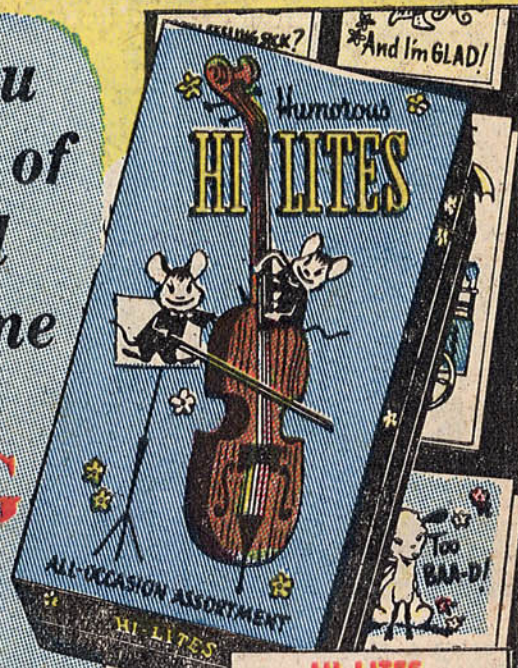
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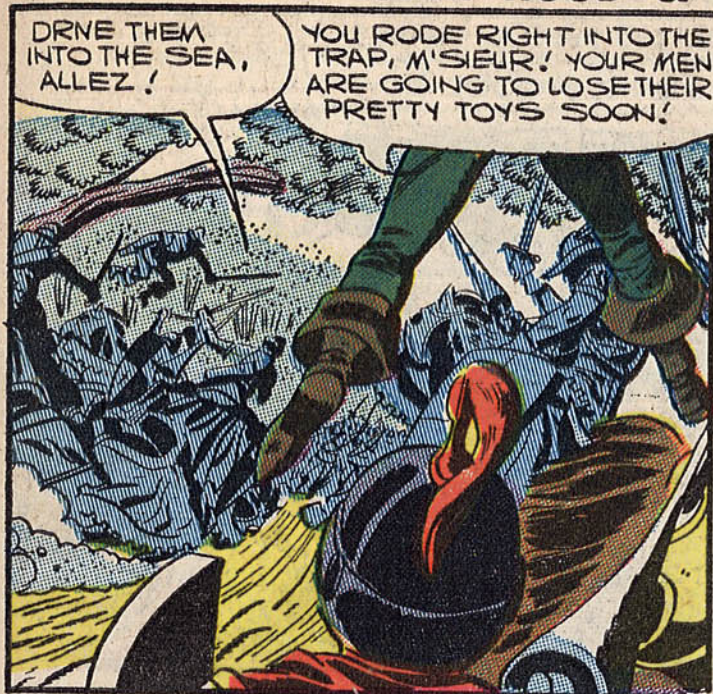
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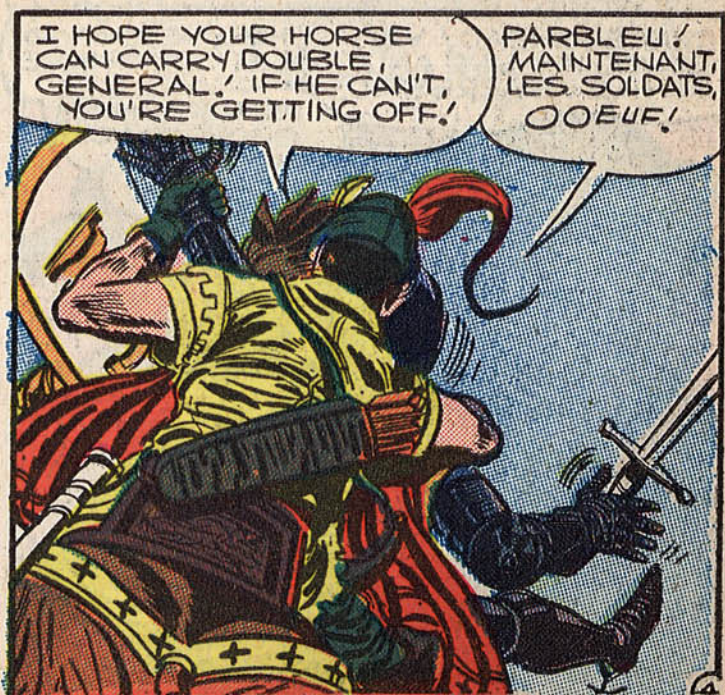
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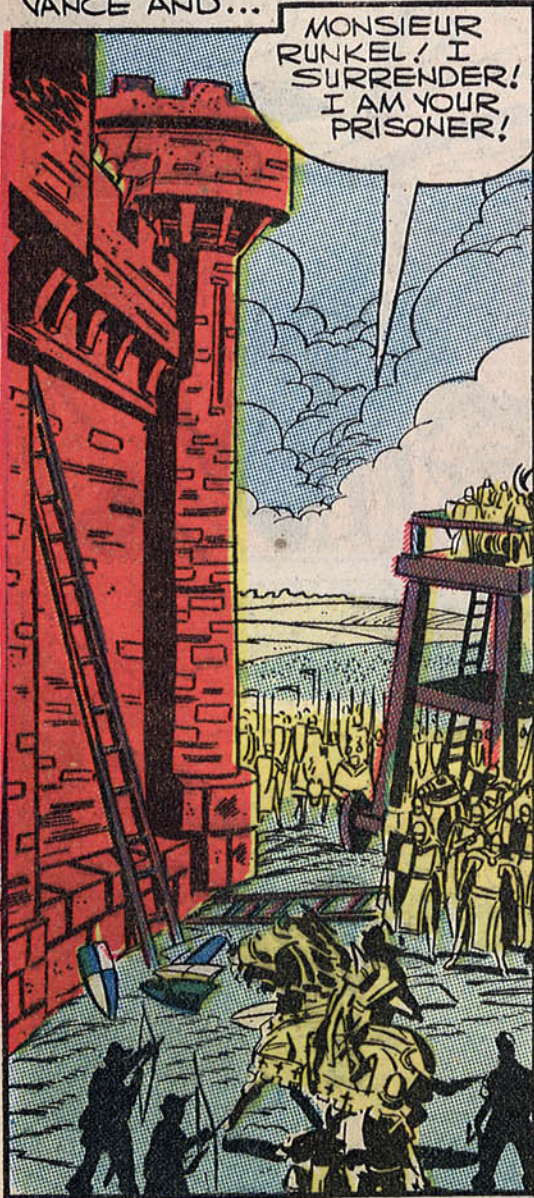


THE SOUND OF FIGHTING AT BEAUVILLE REACHED THE BAND OF OUTLAWS LONG BEFORE THEY CAME TO THE FRENCH SEA-PORT! ROBIN SAW AT ONCE THAT LORD RUNKEL'S FORCES WERE FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE...



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LORD RUNKEL'S TROOPS WERE BATTERED AND TOO WEARY TO FIGHT ON! THEN THEY SAW THE FRENCH GENERAL ADVANCE AND...



HEY, LADS! THE FRENCHIE HAD AN ENGLISH LAD HELPIN' 'IM SPEAK HIS LINES! GOOD BOY!

KEEP THE GATES OPEN! MY MEN WILL BE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO KNOCK!



HERE'S A GENERAL, YOUR LORDSHIP! MY MEN WILL SOON BE HERE!

THEY'LL BE ARRESTED AS SOON AS THEY ENTER ROBIN HOOD! YOUR COMING HERE DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE OUTLAWS!



LATER...IN THE CASTLE CELLS...

THAT EGGHEAD! WE SAVED HIS LIFE AND HE HAS US ARRESTED!

DON'T WORRY, HE'LL NEED US TO GET OUT OF HERE!

HIS LORDSHIP ORDERED YOU MEN RELEASED!



ALL RIGHT, RUNKEL! I'LL GET YOUR MEN BACK TO ENGLAND-- BUT WHEN WE GET THERE, I'LL TWIST YOUR RED NOSE FOR YOU!

YOU'LL HANG, ROBIN! BUT IT WILL BE ENGLISH HEMP, LET'S GO!

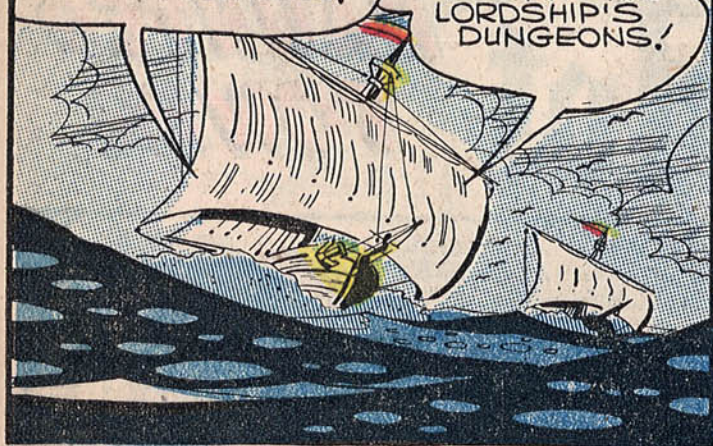


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THE ENRAGED FRENCH ARMY FOUGHT DOGGEDLY... BUT THEIR ARMOR WAS NO PROTECTION AGAINST THE OUTLAW'S ARROWS...

THAT WAS A BRISK BUSINESS, ROBIN! THE FRENCH ARE BONNY FIGHTERS!

AYE, BUT OUR ARCHERS ARE BONNY TOO! WE'RE OFF FOR MERRY ENGLAND AND HIS LORDSHIP'S DUNGEONS!



IN MY REPORT TO HIS MAJESTY, I'LL MENTION HOW YOU AND YOUR MEN FOUGHT! BUT THAT REPORT WILL INFORM HIM OF YOUR HANGING TOO!

TELL HIM HOW I PULLED YOUR NOSE, TOO, VINEGAR PUSS!



YOU LIKE THIS, RUNKEL? TELL YOUR MEN TO SEIZE ME NOW!

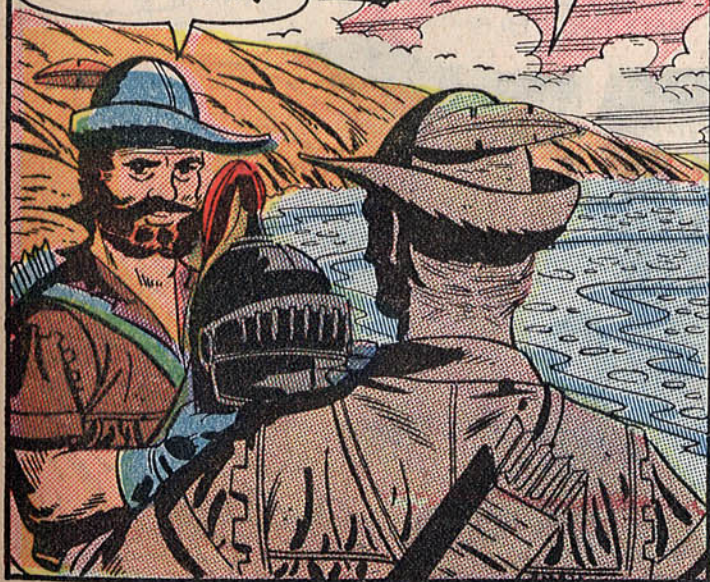
GIVE IT A TWIST FOR ME, ROBIN! THEN GO WITH OUR GOOD WISHES!

YE FOUGHT NOBLY, ROBIN! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!



HERE'S A SOUVENIR FOR YOU, ROBIN! THE FRENCH GENERAL'S OWN HAT!

LET ME TRY IT ON!



DO I LOOK LIKE THE GENERAL? I WONDER WHAT HIS NAME WAS?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE! NOBODY IMPORTANT, MOST LIKELY! WE BEAT HIM TOO EASILY!



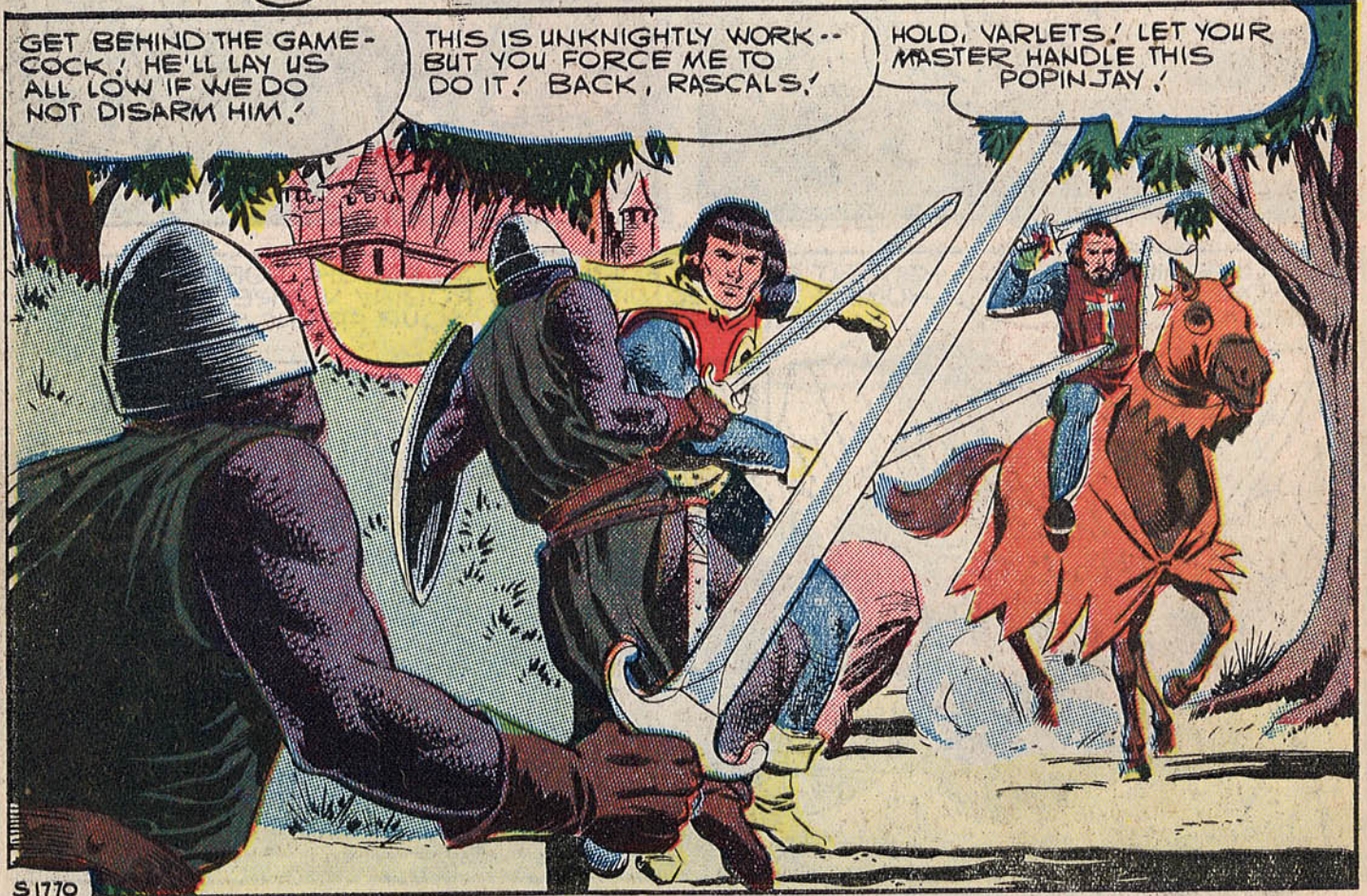
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RING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE WERE SWORN TO DEFEND THE WEAK AND FIGHT TYRANNY WHEREVER IT WAS FOUND. SIR LANCELOT, THE BRAVEST AND HANDSOMEST KNIGHT OF THEM ALL, OFTEN LEFT THE GAY COURT TO ROAM ENGLAND SEEKING EVIL TO DESTROY. IT WAS ON ONE OF THESE MISSIONS THAT HE FOUND THE BATTERED CASTLE OF BALLARD.

Sir Lancelot

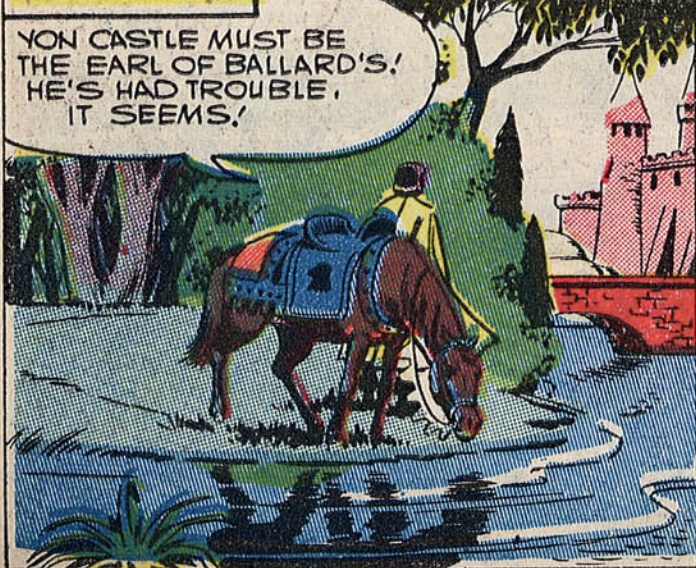
and the **HAUNTED TOWER**



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A FEW MINUTES BEFORE, SIR LANCELOT HAD PAUSED IN HIS TRAVELS TO WATER HIS HORSE AND REST A WHILE. IT WAS THEN HE SAW THE TOWER ...

YON CASTLE MUST BE
THE EARL OF BALLARD'S!
HE'S HAD TROUBLE.
IT SEEMS!



HO, MAN! IS THE
EARL OF BALLARD
WELL? HAS THE
GOOD MAN
HAD TROUBLE?

IF THEE BE A FRIEND,
YES! IF AN ENEMY,
I COULD NOT
SAY!



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I AM BALLARD'S FRIEND! I AM OF KING ARTHUR'S ROUND TABLE! HOW IS THE EARL'S COMELY DAUGHTER?

SORE BESET, SIRE! SEE YON TOWER? UNKNOWN TO THE TYRANT WHO HAS CAPTURED BALLARD'S CASTLE, THAT TOWER IS...



MORE PLOTTING? ONE SIDE, KNAVE! WHAT YOU WANT? WHO DO YOU SPY FOR?

AT PRESENT, I WANT TO TWIST YOUR NOSE, AND I SEEK THE MAN WHO HAS HARMED MY FRIEND, THE EARL OF BALLARD!



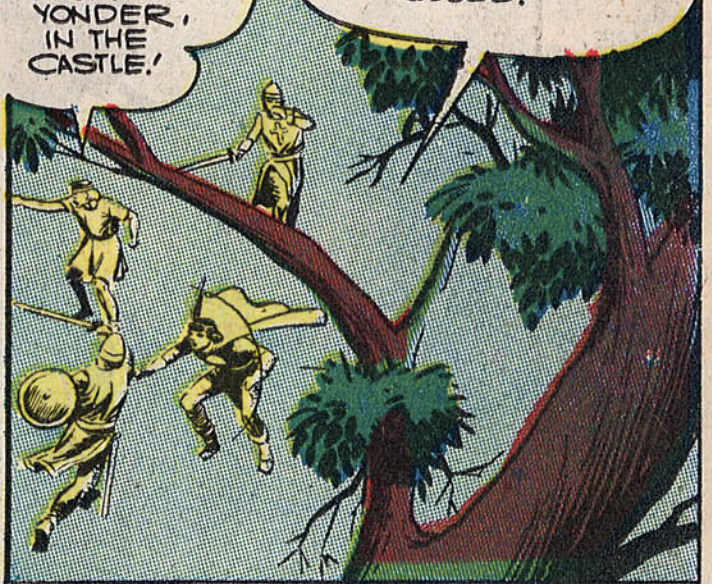
AND I'LL DO THE ONE! ME - THINKS THE SECOND WILL SEEK ME OUT!

OWWW! TURN LOOSE!

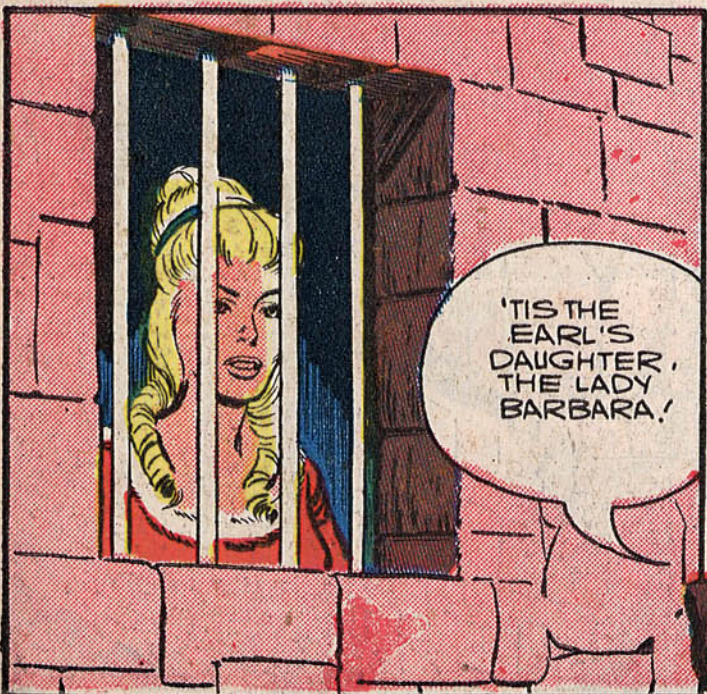


DUCK, SIR KNIGHT! LOOK YONDER, IN THE CASTLE!

AT WHAT? I DON'T... ZOUNDS, THAT WAS CLOSE!



'TIS THE EARL'S DAUGHTER, THE LADY BARBARA!



I'LL HAVE WORD WITH MILADY LATER! NOW, THESE SCOUNDRELS DEMAND ATTENTION!

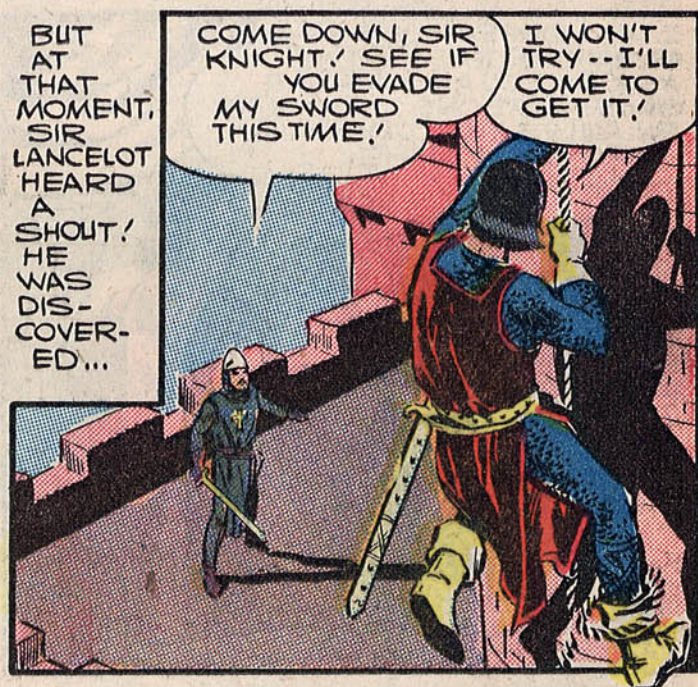
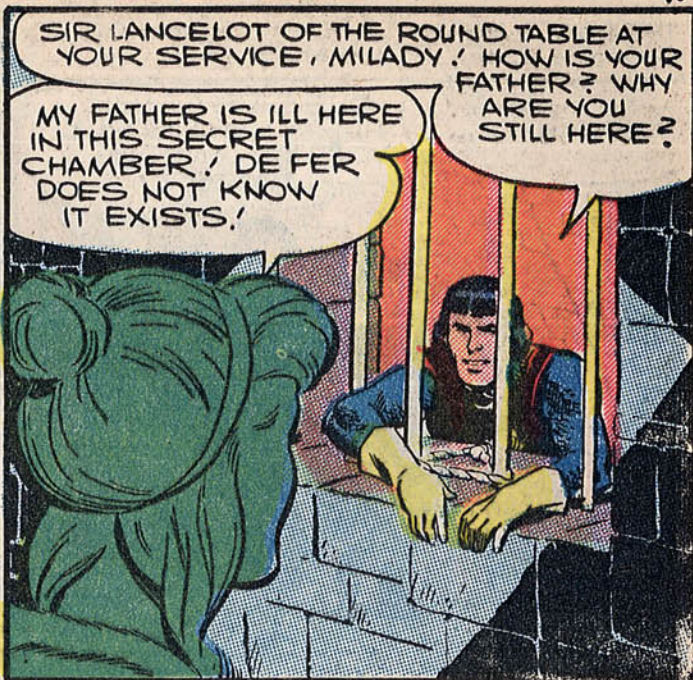


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SIR LANCELOT FACED THE TASK OF GETTING UP THE TOWER! THE PEASANT'S ROPE HELPED...

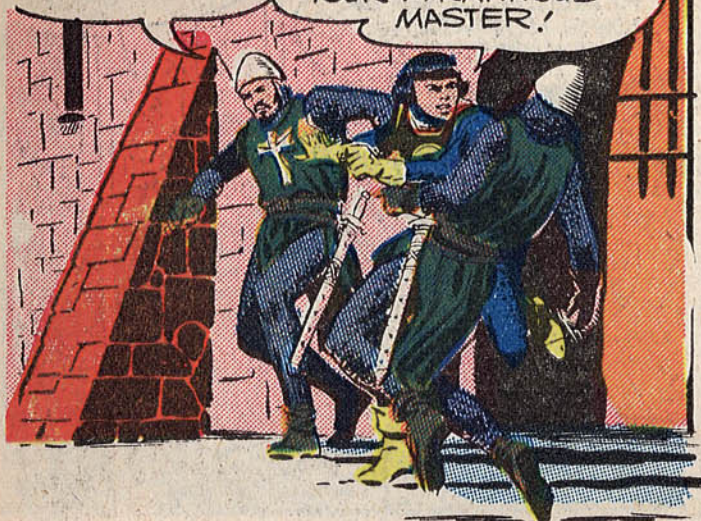


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THE DUC'S ASTONISHED GUARDS HAD NO CHANCE TO STOP THE NOBLE KNIGHT...

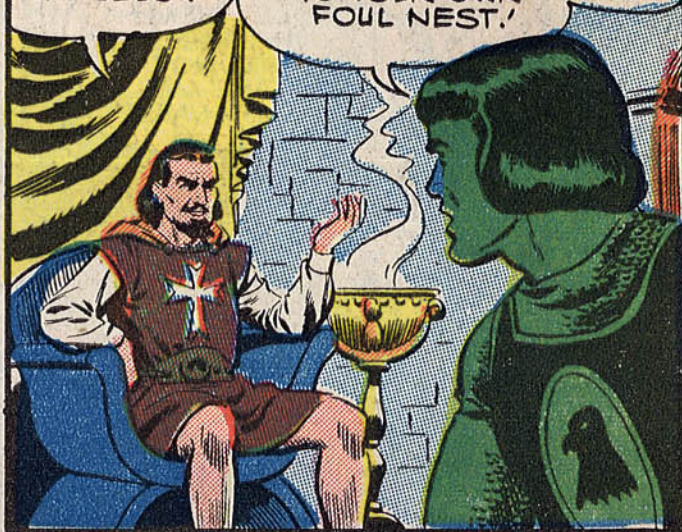
WAIT, KNAVE!
YOU CANNOT...

ONE SIDE! I WILL
HARM NO ONE BUT
YOUR TYRANNOUS
MASTER!



YOU **ARE** A
FOOL! YOU
KNOW YOUR
FATE,
LANCELOT!

AYE, AND I KNOW YOURS
TOO, DE FER! YOU'LL
LEAVE ENGLAND IN
RAGS, DRIVEN BACK
TO YOUR OWN
FOUL NEST!



I WILL DEFEAT KING
ARTHUR AS EASILY
AS I DO YOU AND FOR THE
SAME REASONS! YOU FIGHT
BY RULES THAT I DISDAIN!
THROW HIM IN THE
DUNGEON!



FOLK WILL SAY YOU FEARED
ME! WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER
TO BEST ME IN FAIR COMBAT?
WHERE IS YOUR
GUILT, MAN?



AYE, YOU'RE RIGHT! FETCH
HIM A SWORD AND ARMOR!
A WOODEN SWORD -- FALSE
ARMOR! I WILL FIGHT HIM
ON KNIGHTLY TERMS!
HA. HA. HA.



A FEW
MOMENTS
LATER --
ARMED
WITH A
JESTER'S
SWORD,
COVERED
BY
A
FOOL'S
ARMOR

THEY WILL LAUGH,
LANCELOT! YOUR
ROUND TABLE
KNIGHTS WILL
BE MOCKED!

IF I AM
DEFEATED,
PERHAPS!
BUT EVEN
WITH **THIS**
I CAN
BEST YOU!

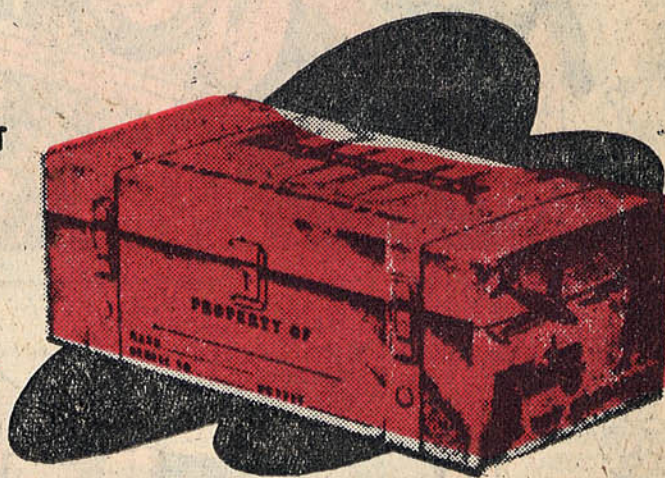


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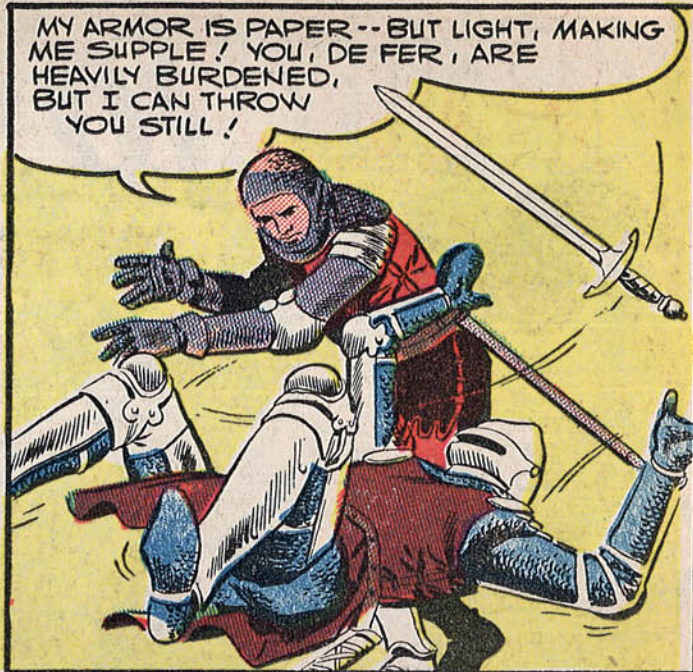
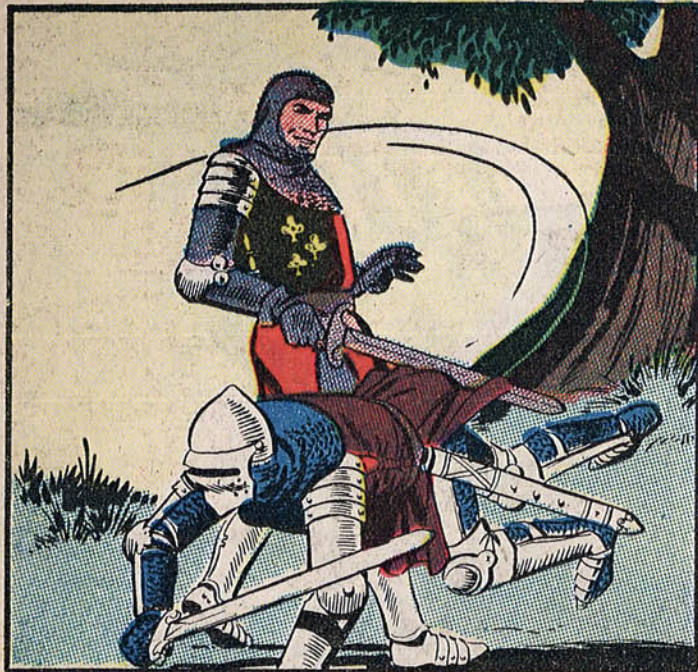
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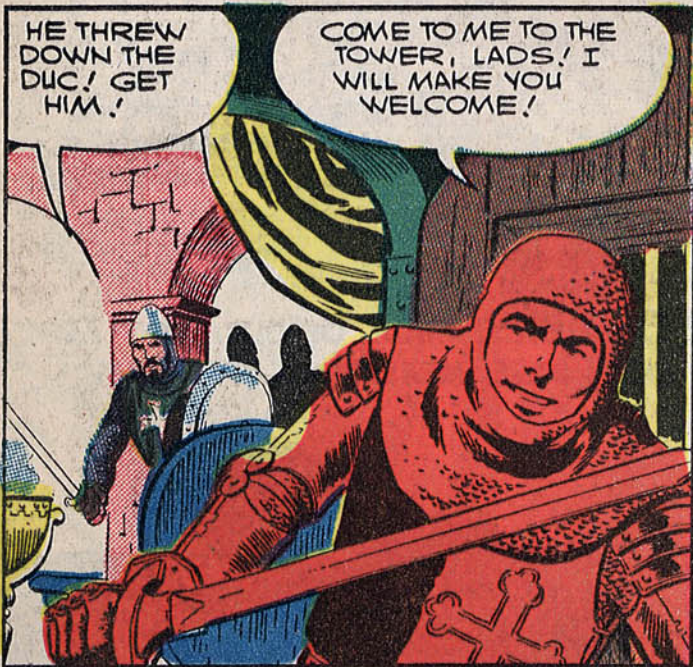
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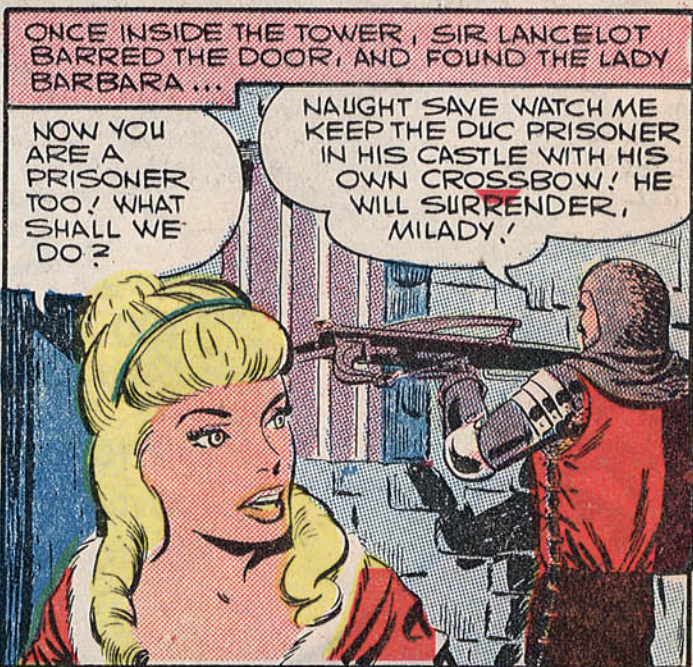


MY ARMOR IS PAPER--BUT LIGHT, MAKING ME SUPPLE! YOU, DE FER, ARE HEAVILY BURDENED, BUT I CAN THROW YOU STILL!



HE THREW DOWN THE DUC! GET HIM!

COME TO ME TO THE TOWER, LADS! I WILL MAKE YOU WELCOME!



ONCE INSIDE THE TOWER, SIR LANCELOT BARRED THE DOOR, AND FOUND THE LADY BARBARA...

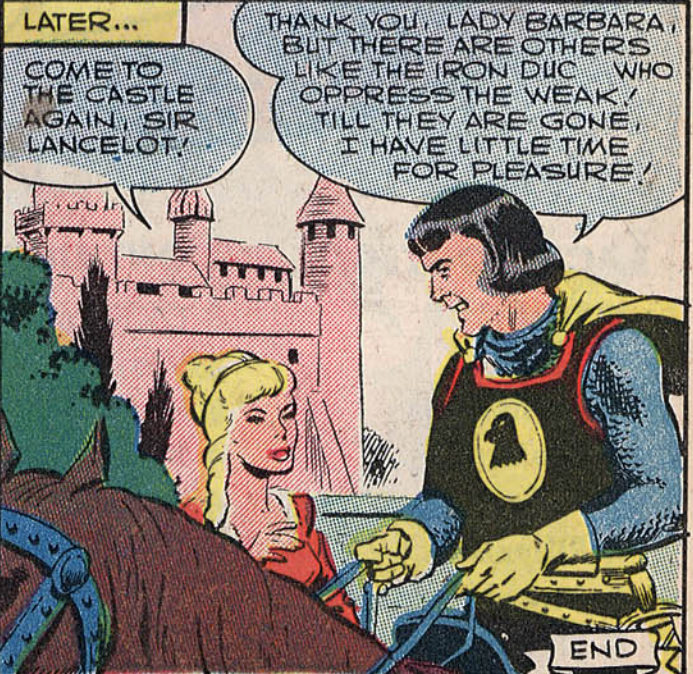
NOW YOU ARE A PRISONER TOO! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

NAUGHT SAVE WATCH ME KEEP THE DUC PRISONER IN HIS CASTLE WITH HIS OWN CROSSBOW! HE WILL SURRENDER, MILADY!

THERE WAS ONE ENTRANCE TO THE CASTLE... AND SIR LANCELOT'S CROSSBOW MADE THAT UN-USEABLE! MEANWHILE, THE PEASANT WHO HAD AIDED LANCELOT HAD GONE FOR HELP...



LANCELOT'S WON AFTER ALL! KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS ARE OUTSIDE THE WALLS! SEND OUT A FLAG OF SURRENDER!



LATER...

COME TO THE CASTLE AGAIN, SIR LANCELOT!

THANK YOU, LADY BARBARA, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE THE IRON DUC WHO OPPRESS THE WEAK! TILL THEY ARE GONE, I HAVE LITTLE TIME FOR PLEASURE!

END

PIRATES...SHIP

... WITHOUT A SHIP



NOT ALL PIRATES ROAMED THE SEAS IN LOFTY SHIPS WITH LONG CANNON WAITING TO SINK THEIR VICTIMS. SOME PIRATE BANDS LAID IN WAIT ON SMALL ISLANDS WAITING FOR THEIR UNWARY PREY...

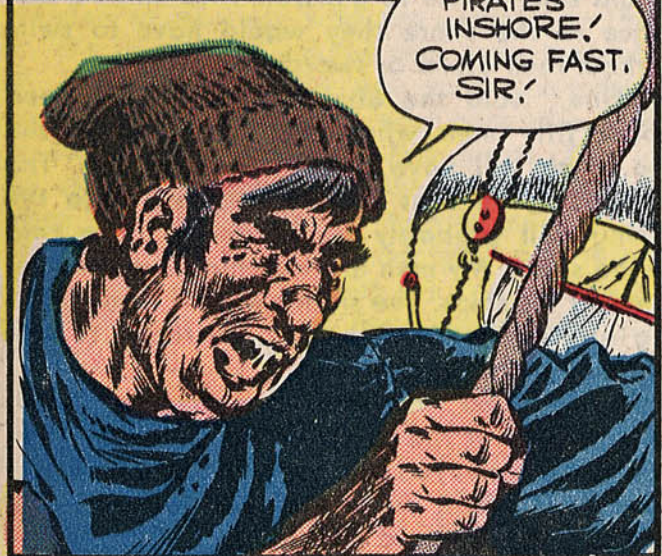
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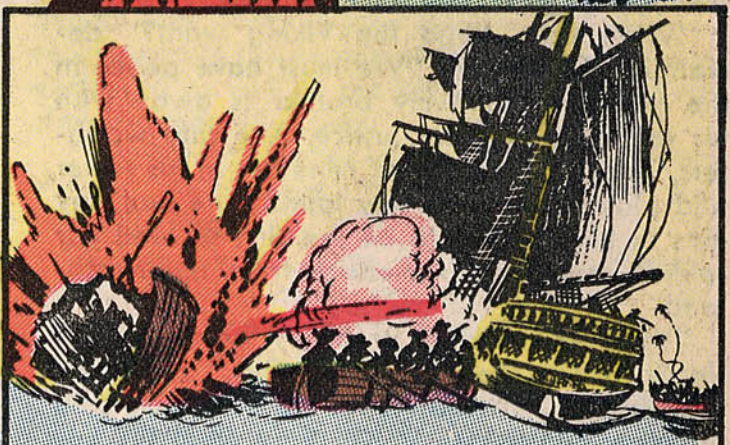
IT'S FLAT CALM OUT THERE, DO YE SEE A SAIL?

AYE, THERE'S AN ENGLISH SHIP WAITING FOR A BREEZE! CALL THE COMPANY TOGETHER!

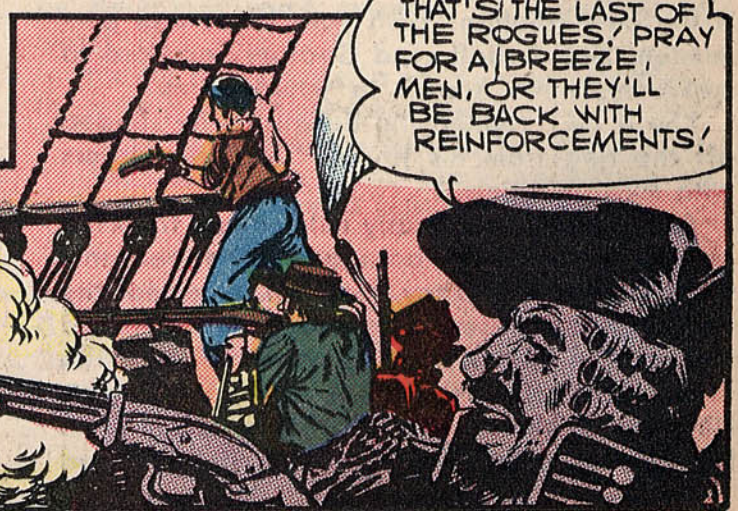
FROM THE SANCTUARY OF THE UNINHABITED ISLAND, THE PIRATES SWARMED OUT, EVERY MAN ARMED WITH PISTOL, CUTLASS, AND MUSKET...



PIRATES INSHORE! COMING FAST, SIR!



THE PIRATE BANDS NUMBERED HUNDREDS OF MEN... AND UNLESS ACCURATE GUNFIRE STOPPED THEM, THE SHIP WAS DOOMED...



THAT'S THE LAST OF THE ROGUES! PRAY FOR A BREEZE, MEN, OR THEY'LL BE BACK WITH REINFORCEMENTS!



VOGO THE VIKING

The Duke of Eastchester had heard the terrible news from the lips of his trusted captain, Geoffrey Sandford. These were evil times in the kingdom when the Vikings dared to sail up and down the coast. Their sole aim in life seemed to be warfare with destruction and booty. The Duke was announced and he soon entered the Great Hall. There on the throne was the Regent.

"By the expression on your face I can see that the tidings you come to bring me are not pleasant," remarked the ruler of the Kingdom. "So speak your mind and I shall listen."

"Vogo the Viking is again raiding our shores," informed the Duke of Eastchester. "Our soldiers flee in terror at the very mention of his name. He has burned the small hamlet of Worton to the ground. The inhabitants were fortunate enough to flee for their lives."

"What does Vogo the Viking want?" demanded the Regent. "We must have peace in the kingdom while my brother is away with his forces fighting for justice. And that worthless, spineless nephew of mine sits in his tower and plays a harp all day long. If he had any guts in him, he would be the first to lead our soldiers against this menace from the Northland."

"Vogo the Viking probably wants galley slaves to man the oars of his ships," explained the Duke of Eastchester. "If we offer him gold to leave our shores, it will only whet his appetite. He will demand more and more gold and even try to take over the Kingdom. Summon your nobles and have an army assembled. That is the only solution. With your leave and permission, Sire, I shall send Geoffrey Sandford to make this news known to your nobles."

"So it be," replied the Regent as he slipped off the ring from his finger. "Seal the orders with my signet ring."

At the same time, many miles away from the palace, inside a large barn, a group of peasants were assembled. They had all received the notice to be present and not one had failed to heed the request. Seated on a chair was the Blue Knight, often known as the Riming Knight. He wore a blue helmet that covered his face. His famous great sword was in its scabbard

and attached to a leather belt. On his back was a great bow as well as a quiver full of arrows. Men said that he wore the great signet ring of the king on his left index finger. In the center of the barn was a large tub full of water. Floating on the water were three scale models of viking terror ships.

"For five full years they had me chained to the oars," said John Ludlow. "Then they learned I knew something of carpentry. Off came my chains. They had me make repairs to the ship. Thus I was able to learn much of its construction and how it goes by sail and oars. Their boats can go where there is but little water. The men then wade ashore. They carry no long boats with them."

"If something happened to their ships, then what would these men from the Northland do?" asked the Blue Knight.

"They can not swim with their armor," replied John Ludlow. "With their armor they would sink. Hence to get from their ships a distance to the shore they would have to swim without their armor or swords."

"Fine," said the Blue Knight. "I will need about fifty men who can swim through the sea. Each will have a fine saw with him. The season of the fogs is now with us. Vogo the Viking will probably be planning for a raid to the south. My men are watching every movement of his ships. The signal will be three burning arrows shot into the sky. Be ready to ride at any time of the day."

It was some time later that Geoffrey Sandford arrived at the castle of the Count of Richmond. He conveyed the news to the Lord of the Manor. Sir John Justin, adviser to the Count of Richmond, listened attentively.

"Of course we stand by our feudal pledge to supply a fighting force to the Regent," asserted Sir John Justin. "But how will our forces reach their destination in time?"

"By horseback," scolded Geoffrey Sandford. "Is that not the usual means?"

"But we have no horses at present," interrupted the Count of Richmond. "Let us say they have all vanished. They will be back but when is uncertain."

"What manner of nonsense is this?" half shouted the angered Geoffrey Sandford. "For without horses, you can not move your soldiers."

"It is no nonsense," explained Sir John Justin. "We have good reason to believe that the Blue Knight is gathering together a vast number of horses to transport his own army to fight Vogo the Viking."

Geoffrey Sandford was a clever man. He could do some quick thinking and come to the right conclusion in a short manner of time.

"What you also want to tell me," he snapped back, "is that it would be futile to visit the other Lords." Suddenly he smiled and then half jokingly added, "I think Vogo the Viking is in for the surprise of his life."

The night was completely foggy. The raiding fleet of the Viking was about a quarter of a mile from the shore opposite the hamlet of Bedford. A giant of a man with a long red beard was at the helm of his ship trying to pierce the mist.

"It is not a good omen," said his friend, Eric the Brave. "We can do better in sunnier lands. Let us raid the coast of France."

"When the fog lifts," announced Vogo the Viking, "we will go in to the shore and make our raid. We need slaves for the oars."

Below in the hull of the ship, the men chained to the oars were getting their rest. Harold Littleneck had his head against the opening for the oar. Suddenly he thought he heard a voice speaking.

"Listen to me, you who are chained to this oar. We are cutting off the oars from the outside. I shall pass a saw into your possession. Cut yourself free then free your comrades. We are doing this to all the other boats. This is your chance for freedom. When your sails are ablaze, then strike and we shall help you."

The hour was one after midnight when three blazing arrows were set into the sky. Hundreds of armed men mounted their horses and assembled. Then they headed for the shore of the hamlet of Bedford. Three hours later they arrived at their destination to find the Blue Knight awaiting them. At his side was John Ludlow to tell of his part in the operation.

"We have cut off the oars. The men inside have been warned. The rafts are ready to launch."

When the sun rose the fog cleared and Vogo

the Viking noticed about two dozen small rafts near his boats.

"Run them down," he gave the order. "They have archers aboard to shoot at us."

The order to lift and drop the oars was given but never obeyed. The free slaves rushed up on deck. At the same time the archers on the rafts shot fire arrows into the sails. However, the free slaves did not attempt to fight. They would have been cut down without any mercy. Obeying instructions given to them, they dived overboard and headed for the rafts. They were picked up. Some were able to swim to shore. Vogo the Viking was completely baffled.

"They have crippled our ships and we are unable to move. They will probably return later and try to set us on fire. Our only chance is to swim to shore."

"With our armor and swords?" jested Eric the Brave. "We will all be at the bottom of the sea. We will have to chance it."

Some of the Vikings refused to abandon their armor and swords. Like stones they sank to the bottom. Those that obeyed reached shore and were taken prisoners, Vogo the Viking and Eric the Brave were brought before the Blue Knight.

"Your raiding days are over," he informed them. "You will be taken to the palace of the Regent. The booty in your ships will be used to recompensate the people of the towns you have destroyed as well as the people you made into slaves to man your oars."

"You can not do this to me," defied Vogo the Viking. "As a noble I demand the right to be heard by your king."

"I speak in the name of the king," retorted the Blue Knight as he extended his hand and showed the signet ring of the king. "Let me put it briefly. You are finished."

There was great rejoicing in the kingdom. The menace of Vogo the Viking was at an end.

"I suppose my worthless, spineless nephew will eventually hear of this great deed of the Blue Knight," commented the Regent. "Ah, if he only had some courage, that nephew of mine!"

And up in the tower a young man was playing a harp and composing a rhyme:

"Vogo the Viking sailed for our shore,
Wanted some glory, but is no more."

— THE END —

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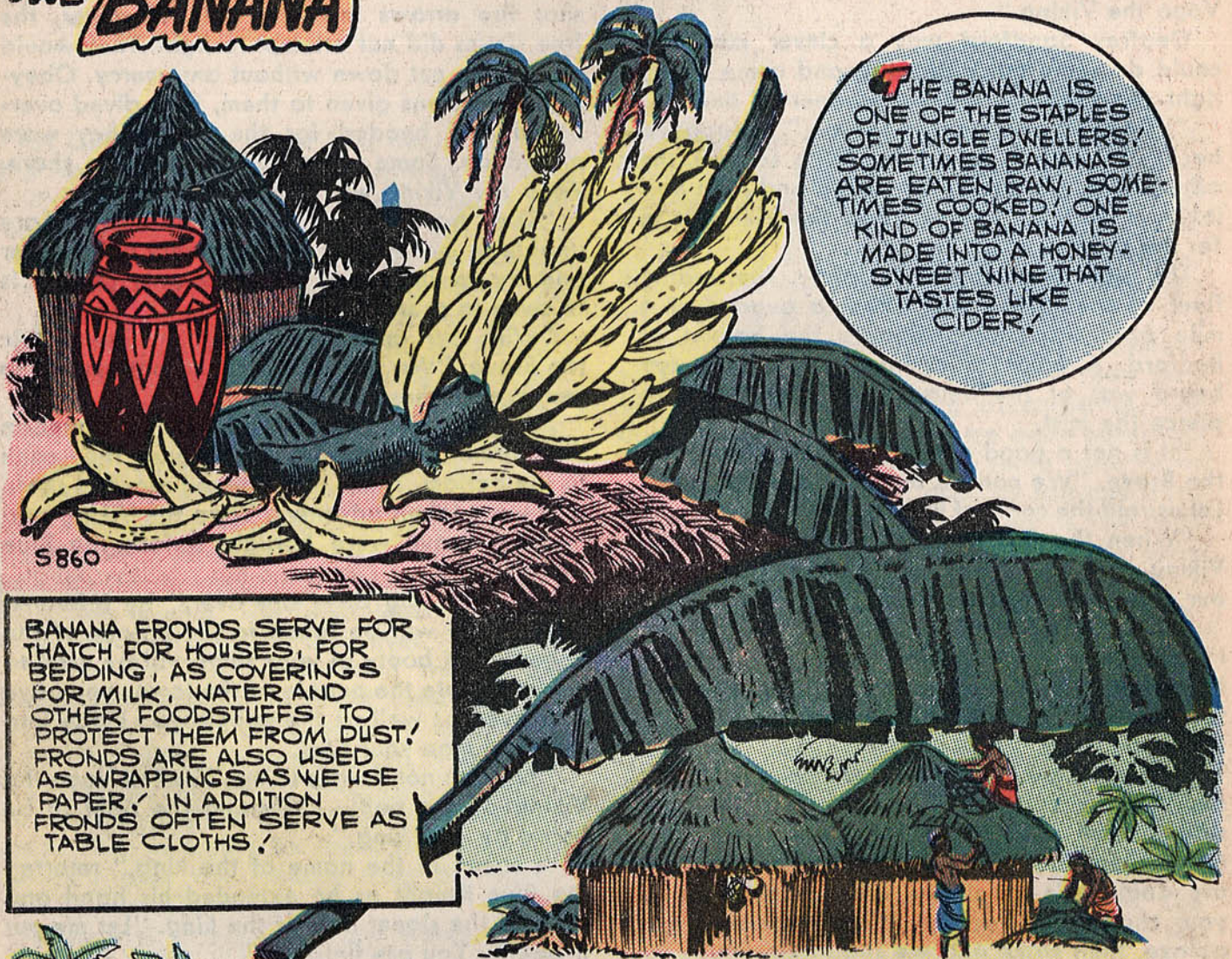
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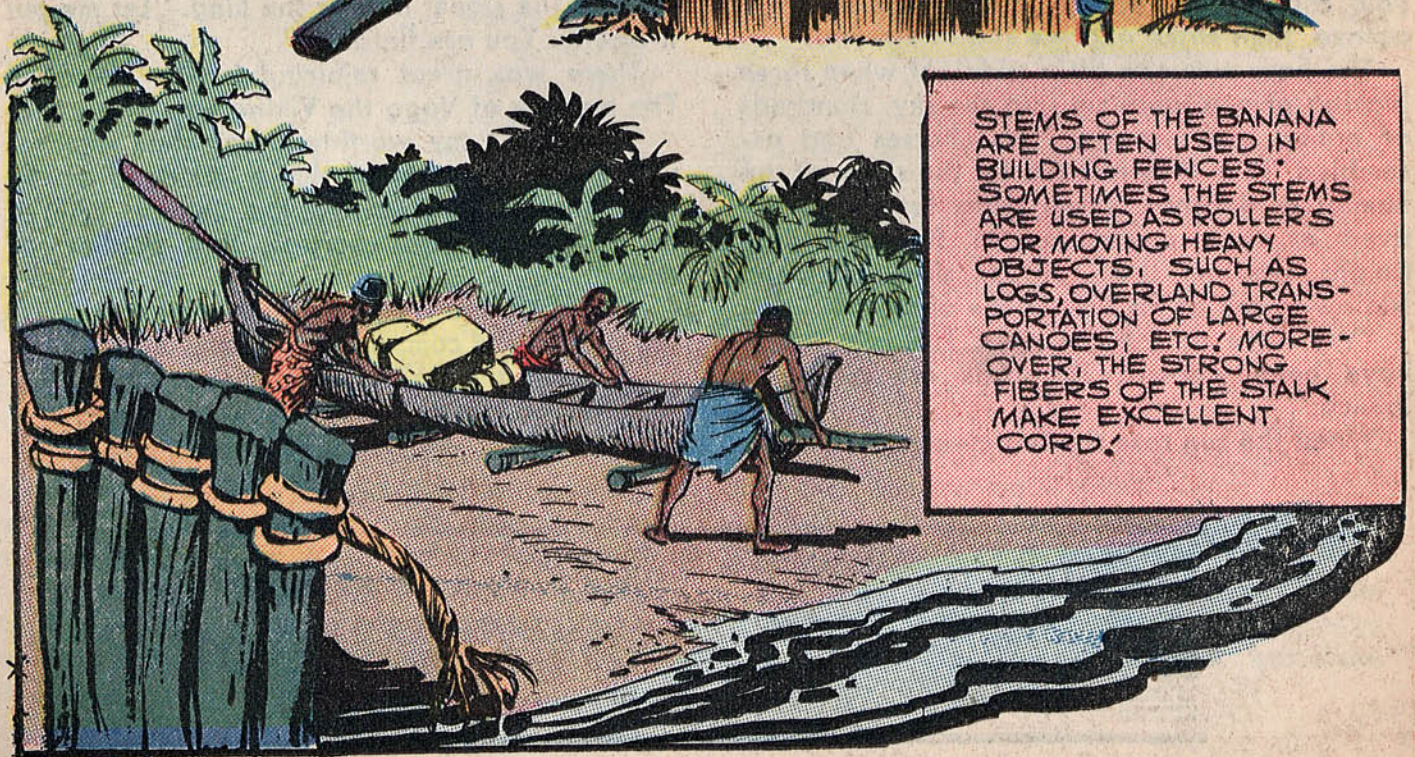
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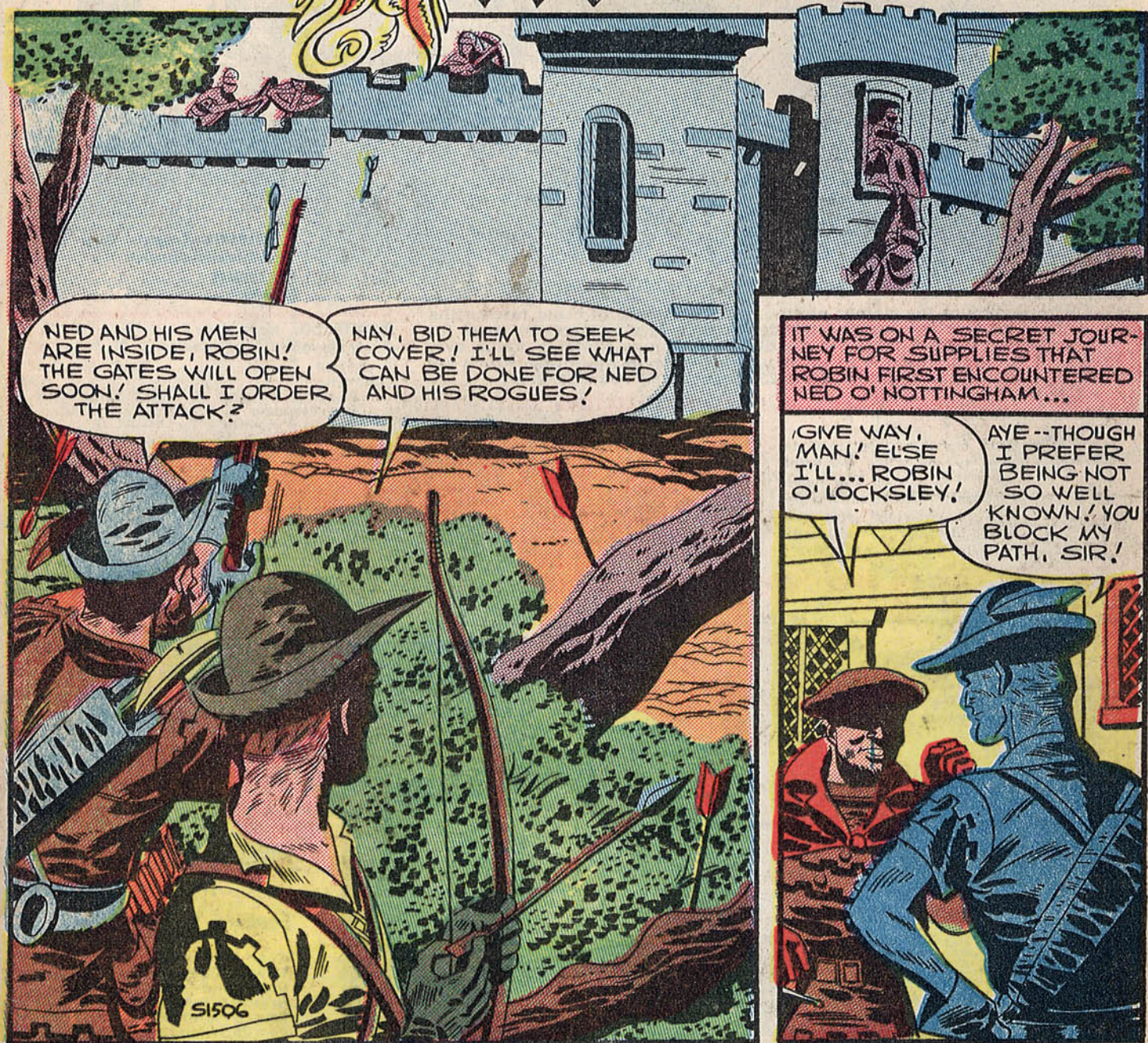
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Robin Hood

in 'THE TRAITOR OF SHERWOOD FOREST'

IT WASN'T OFTEN THAT THE OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST ACCEPTED NEW MEMBERS... BUT SLY NED O' NOTTINGHAM AND HIS COHORTS, AFTER THEIR HELP TO ROBIN IN ESCAPING THE SHERIFF'S MEN, WERE MADE WELCOME!



NED AND HIS MEN ARE INSIDE, ROBIN! THE GATES WILL OPEN SOON! SHALL I ORDER THE ATTACK?

NAY, BID THEM TO SEEK COVER! I'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR NED AND HIS ROGUES!

IT WAS ON A SECRET JOURNEY FOR SUPPLIES THAT ROBIN FIRST ENCOUNTERED NED O' NOTTINGHAM...

GIVE WAY, MAN! ELSE I'LL... ROBIN O' LOCKSLEY!

AYE--THOUGH I PREFER BEING NOT SO WELL KNOWN! YOU BLOCK MY PATH, SIR!



YOUR PARDON, SIR OUTLAW! I WAS ON MY WAY TO SEE YOU!

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WE MUST BE BRIEF! THE HIGH SHERIFF IS LOOKING FOR US! WE WISH TO JOIN YOUR BAND!

WE WISH NO NEW MEMBERS! RIGHT, ROBIN?

TRUE! AND IF THE HIGH SHERIFF FOLLOWS YOU, WE LIKE NOT YOUR COMPANY!

SUDDENLY, ROBIN HEARD HOOFBEATS! HE DOVE FOR THE NEAREST WINDOW AND...

TRAPPED...THEY THOUGHT TO CAPTURE THE OTHERS AND CAUGHT US TOO!

ARREST THEM! IT'S ROBIN... OOOOF!

THIS WAY, LITTLE JOHN!

RIGHT WITH YOU, ROBIN...

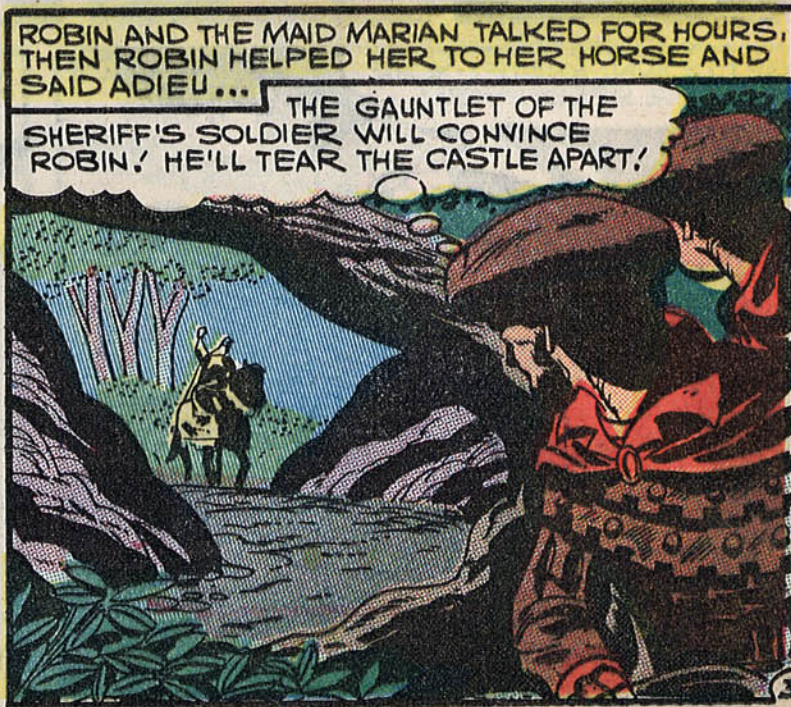
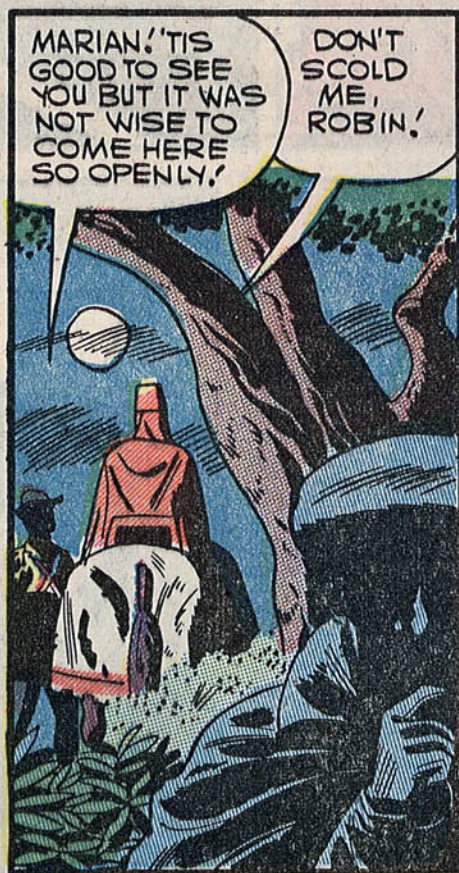
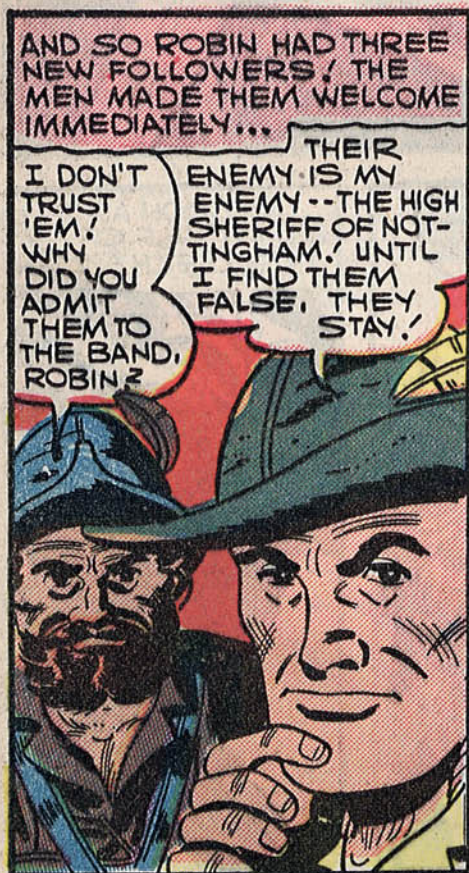
...AS SOON AS I RID MYSELF OF THIS LEECH!

GET DOWN, KNAVE! YOUR MASTER NEEDS YOU!

WELL DONE, ROBIN! LEAD THE WAY TO SHERWOOD FOREST!

I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US NOW!

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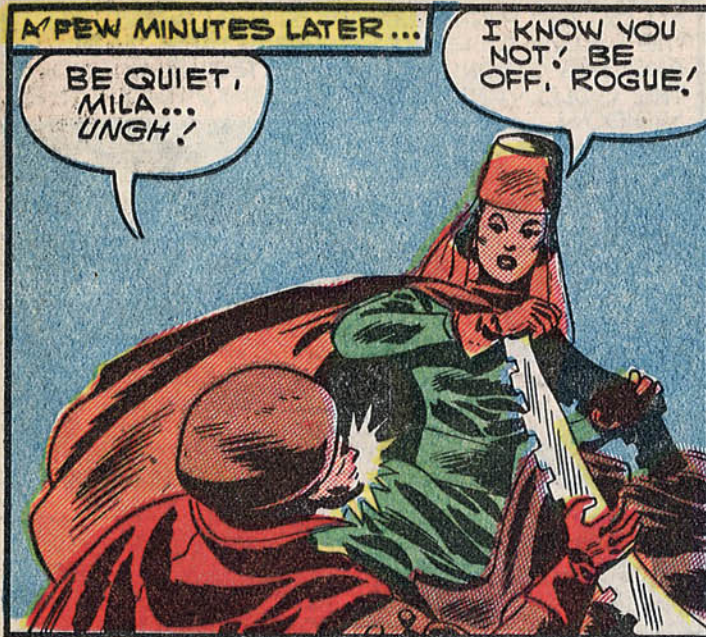


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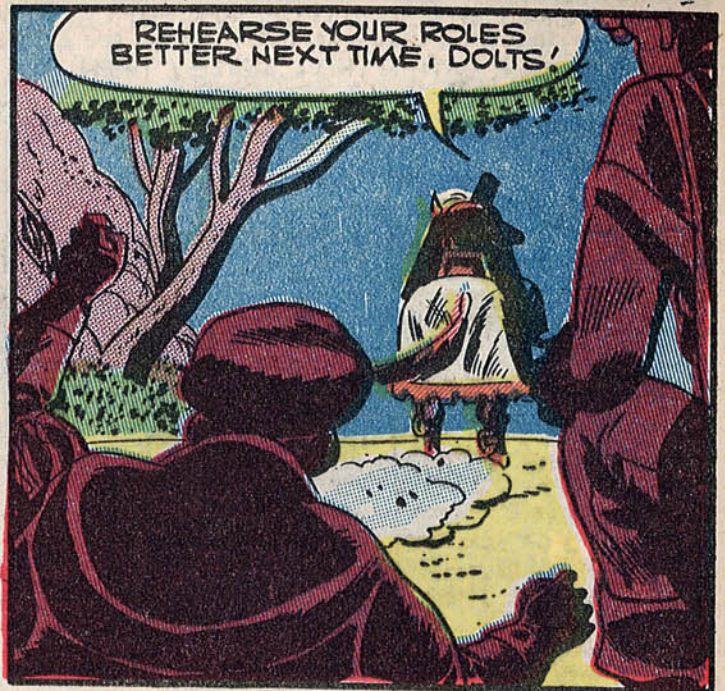
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

BE QUIET, MILA... UNGH!

I KNOW YOU NOT! BE OFF, ROGUE!



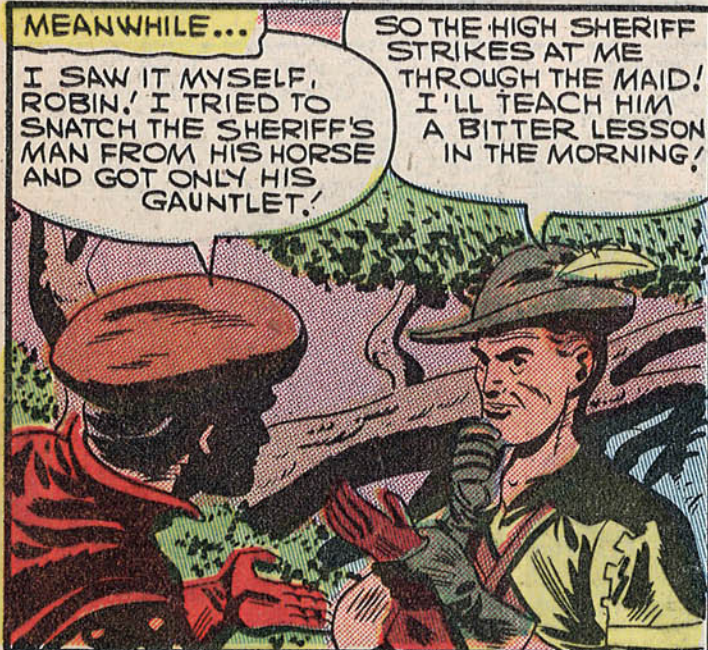
REHEARSE YOUR ROLES BETTER NEXT TIME, DOLTS!



MEANWHILE...

I SAW IT MYSELF, ROBIN! I TRIED TO SNATCH THE SHERIFF'S MAN FROM HIS HORSE AND GOT ONLY HIS GAUNTLET!

SO THE HIGH SHERIFF STRIKES AT ME THROUGH THE MAID! I'LL TEACH HIM A BITTER LESSON IN THE MORNING!



WHY IS ROBIN SUM-MONING US?

WE ATTACK NOTTINGHAM IN THE MORN-ING -- AND WE LEAVE AT ONCE!



THE SUN WAS A GOLDEN BALL IN THE EAST WHEN ROBIN'S MEN, ARRIVING IN THE NIGHT, MADE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN. THE HIGH SHERIFF'S MEN WERE STUNNED AT THE RAIN OF ARROWS.



CALL YOUR MEN OFF! WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS SURPRISE ATTACK!



ASK YOUR SHERIFF! TELL HIM TO RETURN THE PERSON HE TOOK LAST NIGHT OR HAVE HIS CASTLE RAZED!

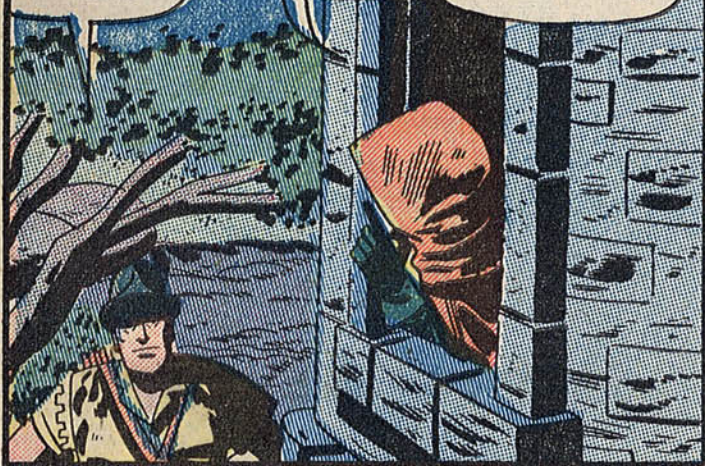


ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

A TRUCE WAS CALLED--AND ROBIN SENT NED AND HIS MEN TO A WINDOW LEFT OPEN BY A SYMPATHIZER WITHIN THE CASTLE! THEN, A HOODED FIGURE CALLED TO ROBIN...

MARIAN!
WHAT
ARE...

SHHH, ROBIN! ALL YOUR
ENEMIES ARE NOT WITHIN
THE CASTLE!

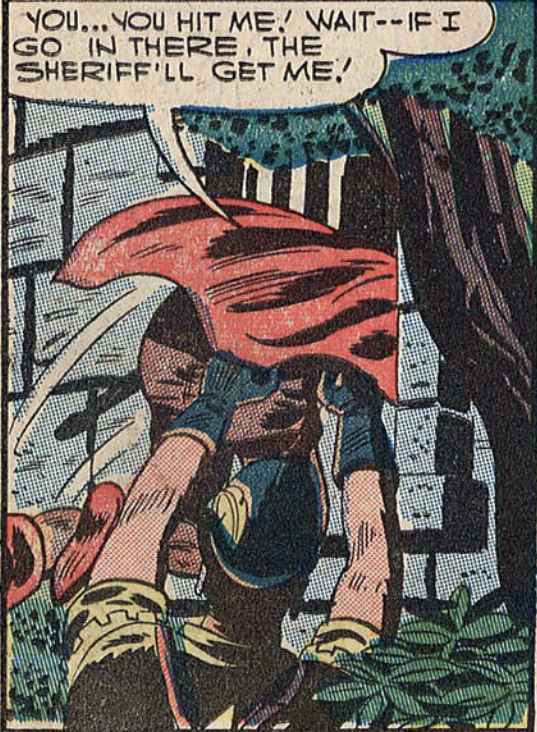


ALL OF THE HIGH SHERIFF'S MEN WERE ON THE WALLS TO REPULSE THE ATTACK. NED AND HIS CRONIES HAD NO TROUBLE FINDING THE GOLD VAULTS AND PASSING IT OUT THE WINDOW...

HERE'S
ANOTHER!



YOU...YOU HIT ME! WAIT--IF I
GO IN THERE, THE
SHERIFF'LL GET ME!



AND IF HE DOESN'T,
I WILL! AND MY
MEN AND I DON'T
WANT YOU!

SLAM!



I'LL LEAD HIM
TO YOU, LOCKSEY!
NO ONE
CROSSES
NED O'
NOTTINGHAM!

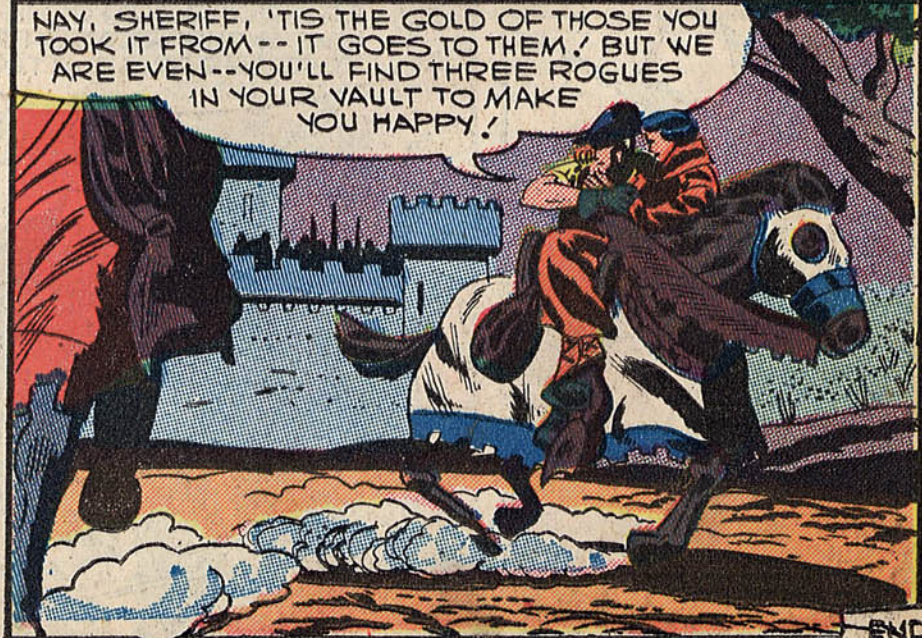
EXCEPT
ROBIN O'
LOCKSEY!
MY REGARDS
TO THE
SHERIFF!



BRING BACK MY GOLD,
YOU SCOUNDREL!



NAY, SHERIFF, 'TIS THE GOLD OF THOSE YOU
TOOK IT FROM--IT GOES TO THEM! BUT WE
ARE EVEN--YOU'LL FIND THREE ROGUES
IN YOUR VAULT TO MAKE
YOU HAPPY!



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Robin Hood

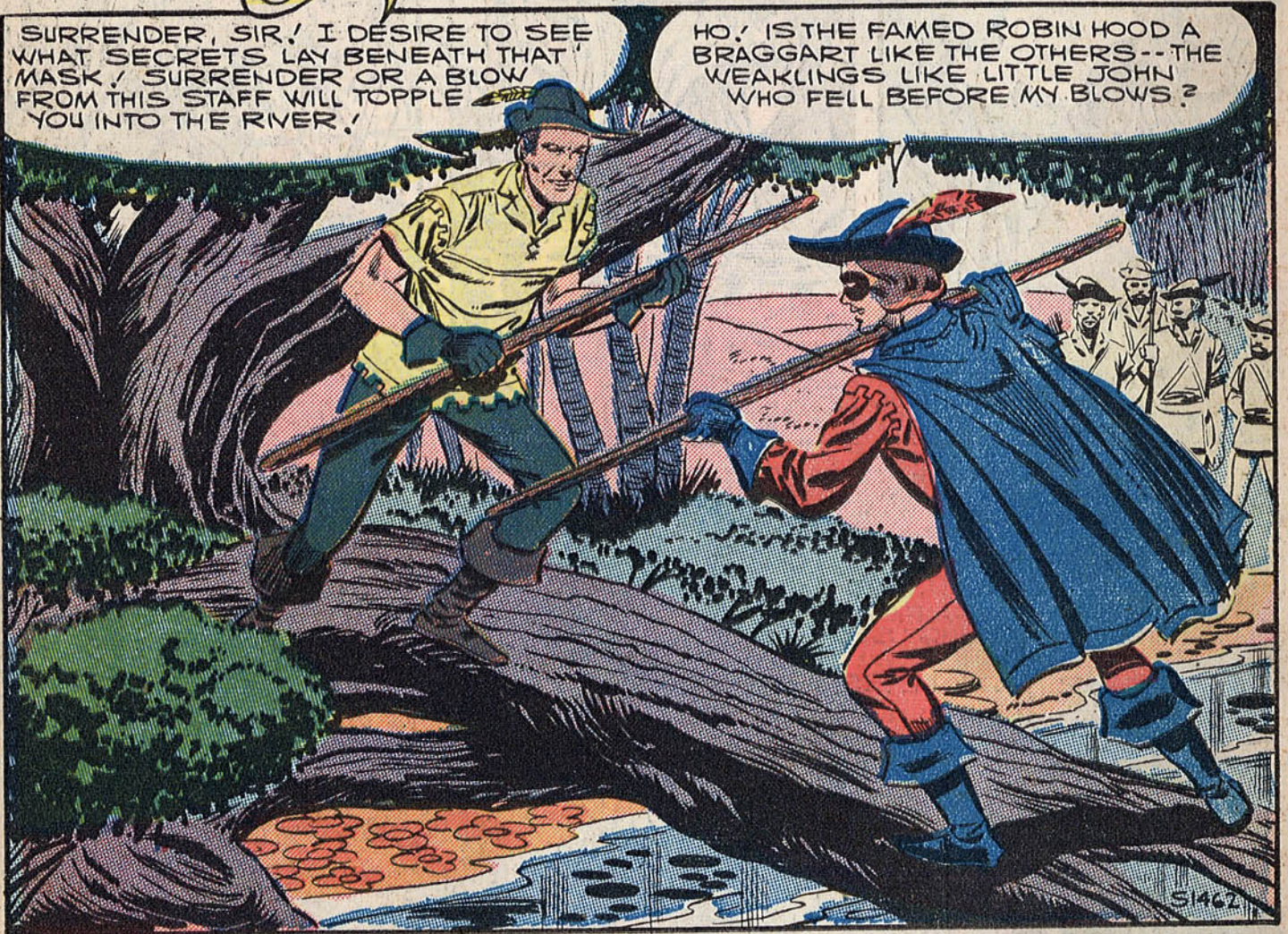
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in ROYAL REVENGE

SATED WITH FOOD AND DRINK, ROBIN HOOD'S BAND WAS IN NO CONDITION FOR FLIGHT WHEN THE STRANGER WAS SIGHTED IN THE FOREST! ROBIN HOOD SENT FORTH LITTLE JOHN TO BRING HIM BACK A PRISONER! ONE BY ONE THE BEARLESS YOUTH BESTED THE OUTLAWS... UNTIL ROBIN HIMSELF SALLIED FORTH! WHO WAS THIS UNKNOWN? ROBIN HAD TO KNOW!

SURRENDER, SIR! I DESIRE TO SEE WHAT SECRETS LAY BENEATH THAT MASK! SURRENDER OR A BLOW FROM THIS STAFF WILL TOPPLE YOU INTO THE RIVER!

HO! IS THE FAMED ROBIN HOOD A BRAGGART LIKE THE OTHERS--THE WEAKLINGS LIKE LITTLE JOHN WHO FELL BEFORE MY BLOWS?



THE STRANGER'S CHARGE WAS NOT UNJUSTIFIED... A SHORT TIME BEFORE THE BAND WAS LISTENING CONTENTEDLY AS MEN TOLD OF THEIR SKILLS...

TELL US AGAIN HOW YOU TWEAKED THE SHERIFF'S NOSE IN HIS OWN CASTLE, LITTLE JOHN!

AYE, ROBIN, I REMEMBER IT WELL! THERE WAS I... SURROUNDED ON EVERY HAND BY THE HIGH SHERIFF'S MEN WHEN...

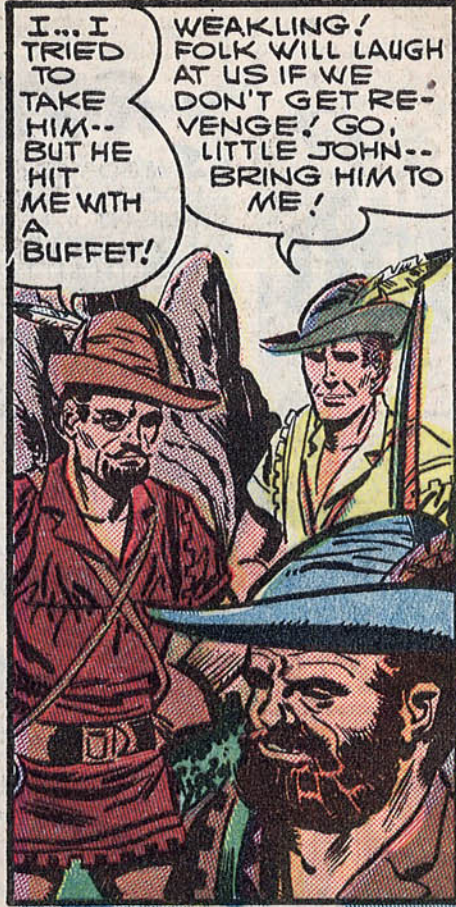


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A SPY!
THERE'S
A SPY IN
SHERWOOD
FOREST,
ROBIN!
I SAW
HIM!

WITH ONE
EYE? WHY
ISN'T HE
HERE, A
PRISONER?



I... I
TRIED
TO
TAKE
HIM--
BUT HE
HIT
ME WITH
A
BUFFET!

WEAKLING!
FOLK WILL LAUGH
AT US IF WE
DON'T GET RE-
VENGE! GO,
LITTLE JOHN--
BRING HIM TO
ME!



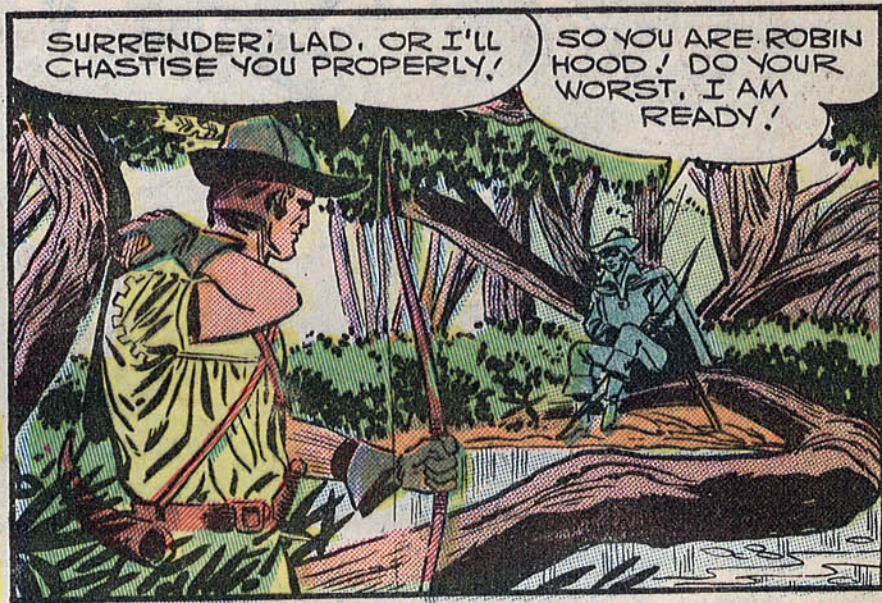
HARK! HEAR
THE PRISON-
ER STUMBLE
AS HE...
LITTLE
JOHN!

AYE, WHAT'S
LEFT OF
ME! THE
LAD BESTED
ME, ROBIN!
EVERY BONE
IN ME
ACHES!

OTHERS WERE SENT FORTH...
BUT I RETURNED THE WORSE
FOR MY LAD...

I'D DARED
TO BE CHIEF
OF SUCH AS
YE! I'LL TAKE
HIM PRISONER
MYSELF!

YE MIGHT,
ROBIN, BUT
'TIS A FIGHT
I MUST SEE
WITH MY
OWN EYES!



SURRENDER, LAD, OR I'LL
CHASTISE YOU PROPERLY!

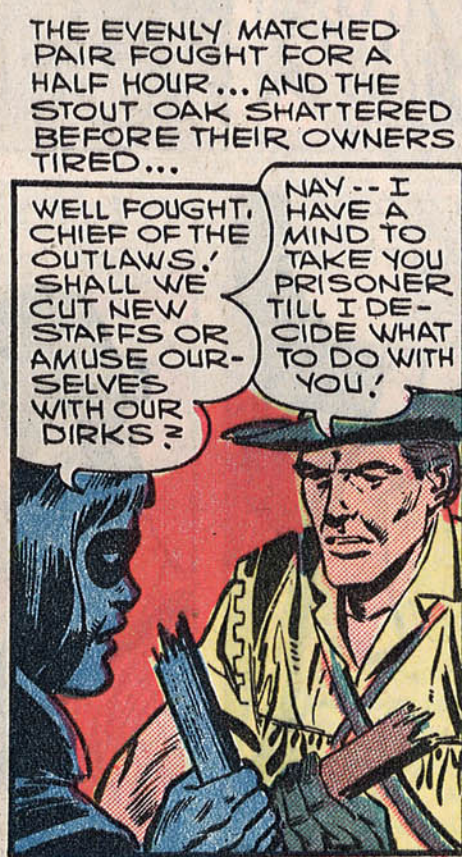
SO YOU ARE ROBIN
HOOD! DO YOUR
WORST, I AM
READY!



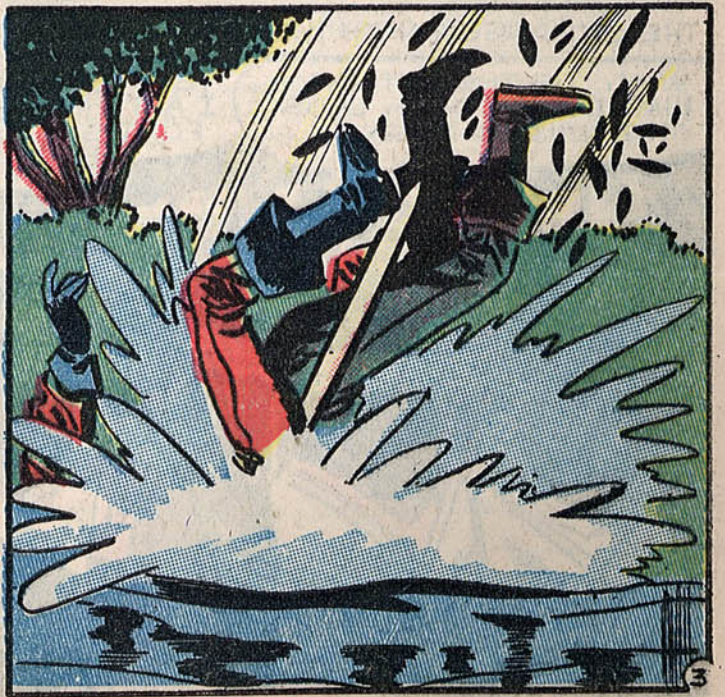
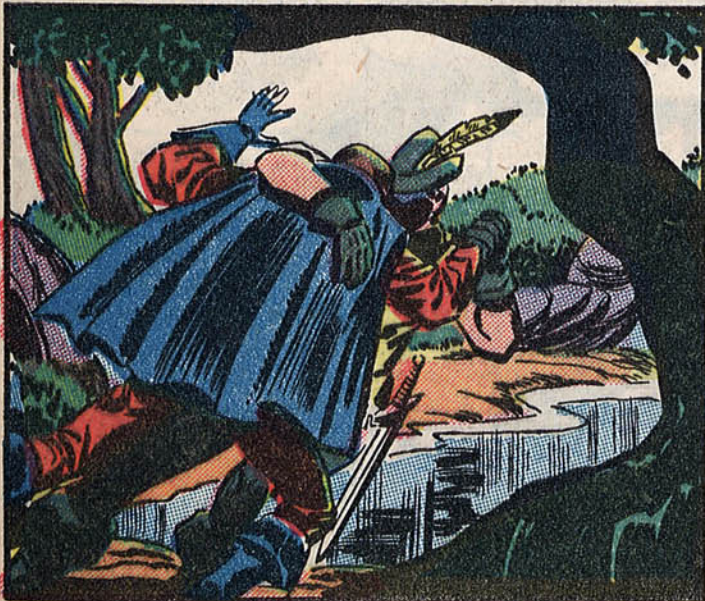
YOU ARE A FOOL!
WHAT IF MY
SHAFT MISSED
ITS MARK?

IT COULD BE FATAL! BUT
EVERYONE KNOWS OF YOUR
PROWESS WITH A BOW!

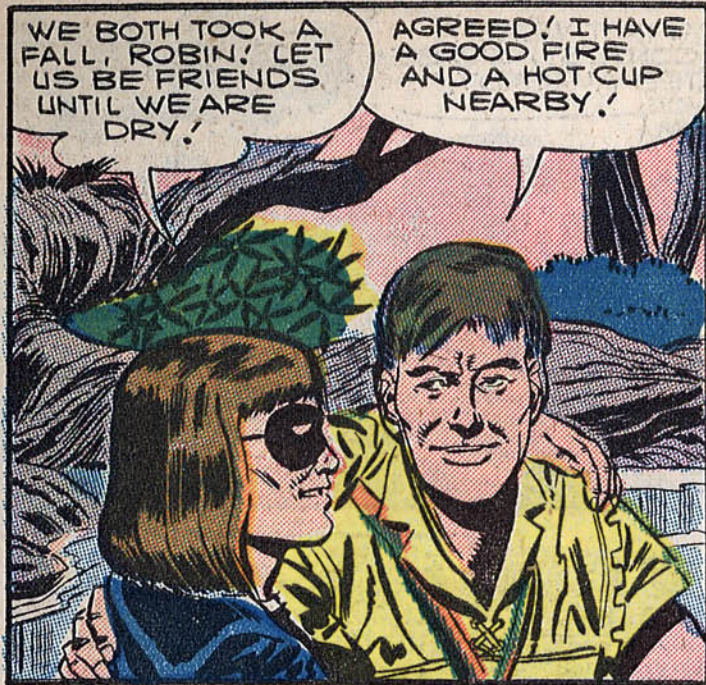
ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN



THE NIMBLE STRANGER FLED LIKE A SHADOW OVER THE STREAM... THEN, HE STOPPED, TURNED, AND...



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN



WE BOTH TOOK A FALL, ROBIN! LET US BE FRIENDS UNTIL WE ARE DRY!

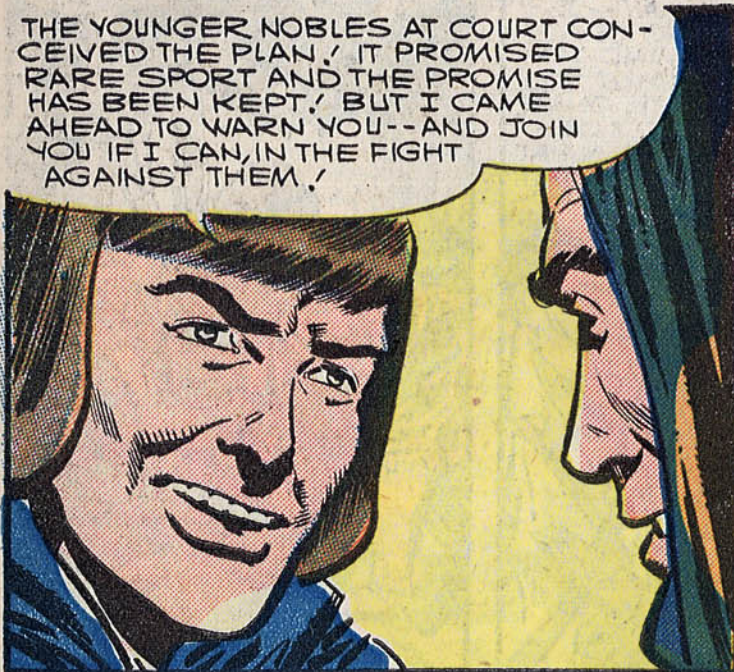
AGREED! I HAVE A GOOD FIRE AND A HOT CUP NEARBY!

THE OUTLAWS LAUGHED AT THEIR CHIEF AND CHEERED THE STRANGER! IT WASN'T OFTEN THAT ROBIN HOOD WAS BESTED IN A CONTEST...



ARE YOU A SPY FOR THE HIGH SHERIFF OR A TRAVELER?

NEITHER-- A HUNTER! I AM ONE OF A GROUP DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT AND CAPTURE OF YOU AND YOUR BAND!



THE YOUNGER NOBLES AT COURT CONCEIVED THE PLAN! IT PROMISED RARE SPORT AND THE PROMISE HAS BEEN KEPT! BUT I CAME AHEAD TO WARN YOU--AND JOIN YOU IF I CAN, IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THEM!



IT IS DONE! LITTLE JOHN, WE GO TO DO BATTLE WITH TITLED FOES! TELL THE OTHERS!

THE STRANGER WITH THE READY SMILE PROVED AN EXCELLENT GUIDE ...



WHY, 'TIS THE OUTLAW HIMSELF! COME, LADS, THIS WILL BE EASY!

YE ARE COUNTS AND KNIGHTS-- I AM THE RULER OF SHERWOOD FOREST! BOW TO ME OR BE PUNISHED!

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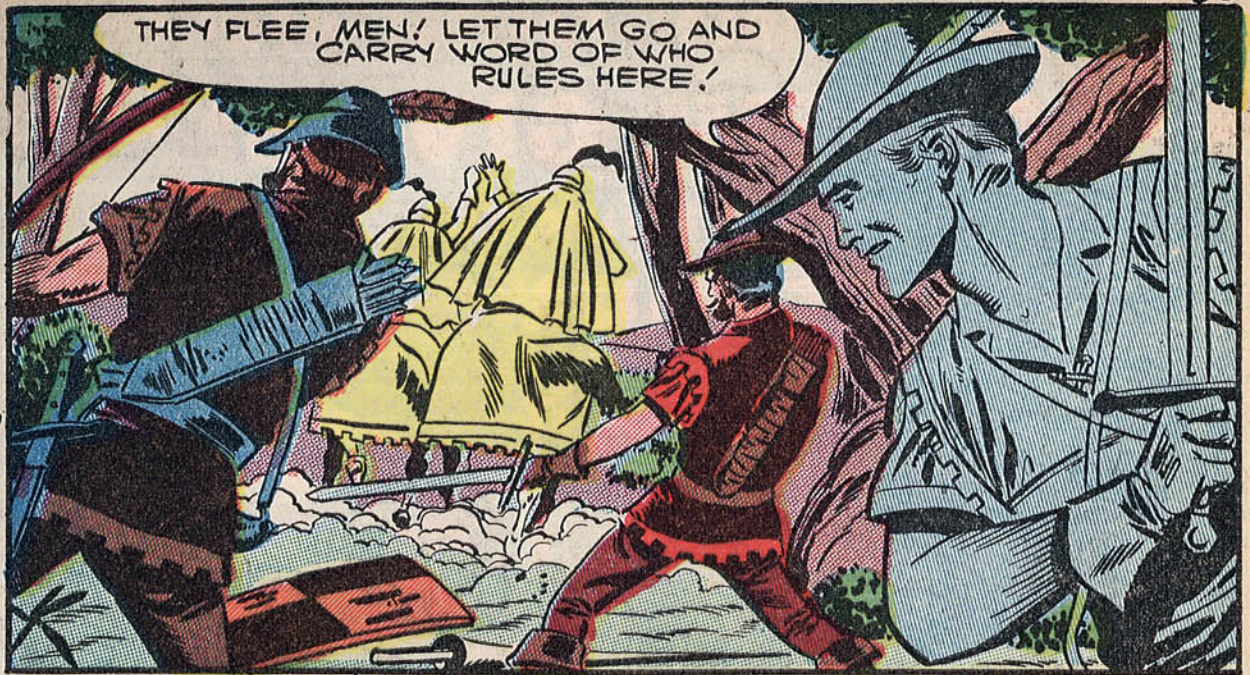
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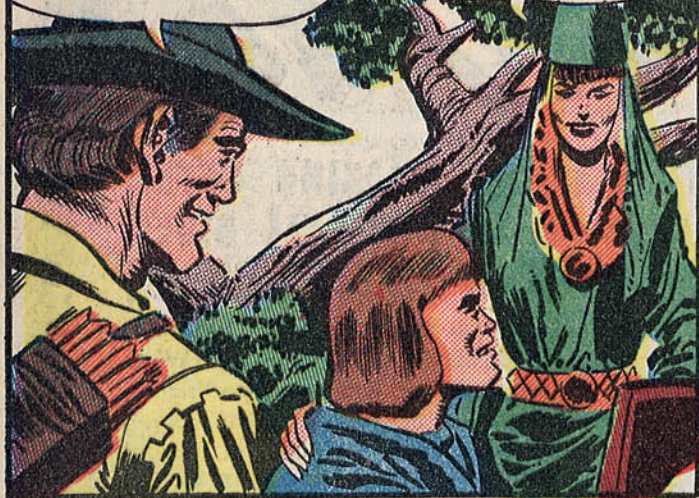
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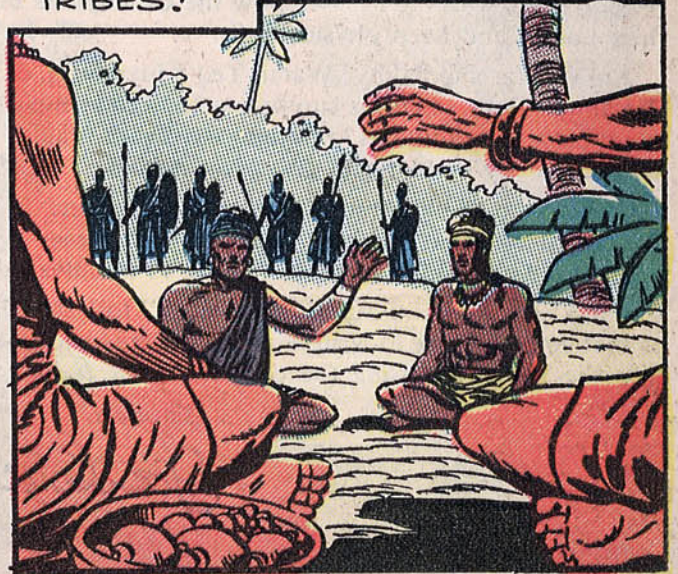
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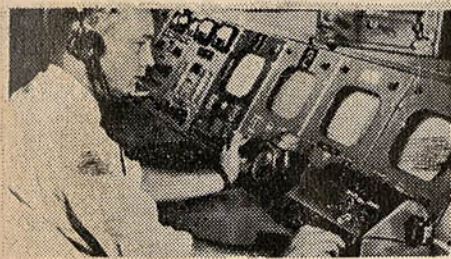
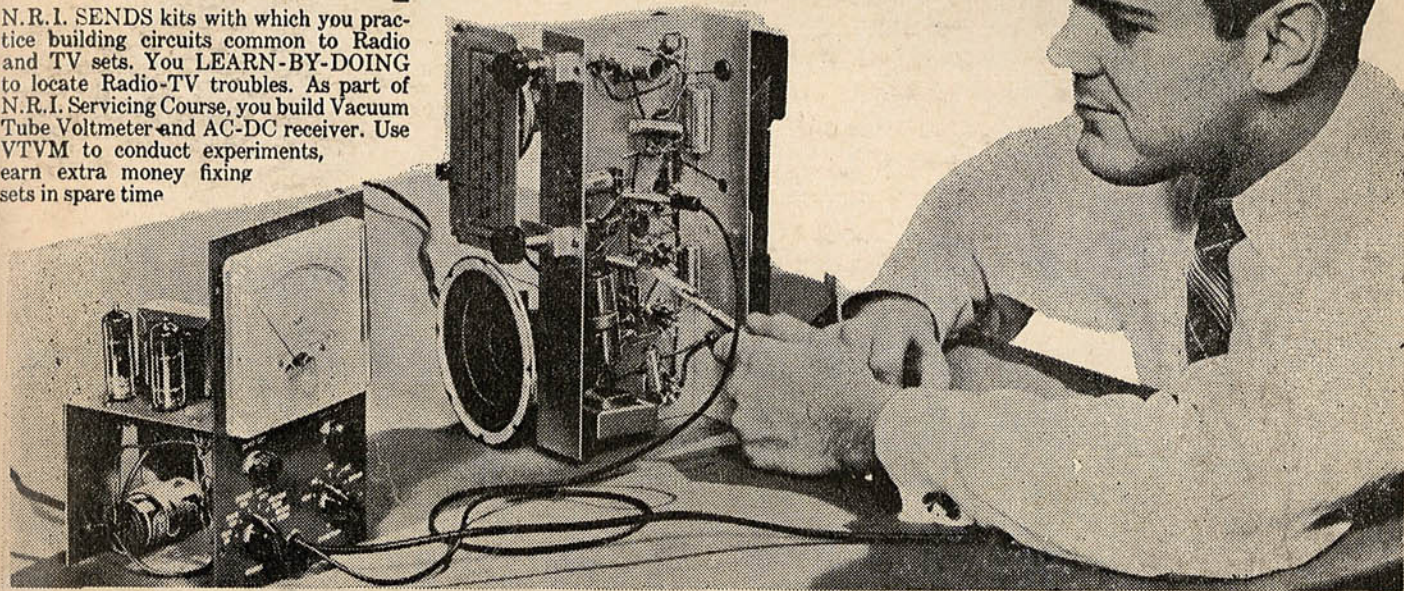
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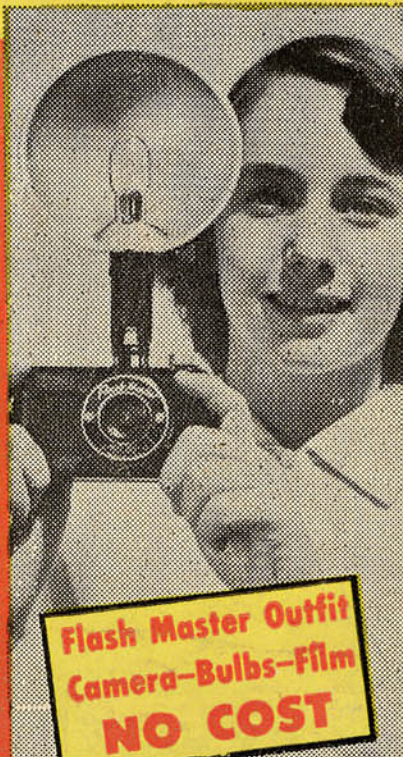
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